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No 'Roos, no sparkle, Ledic for Marconi

If interest in soccer is not as high as it should be at the moment, one of the main reasons is that we have no national teams — neither senior nor youth.

The national team is the biggest publicity-grabber that soccer has.

Everyone wants to know who is in line for selection, and the players themselves strive hard to make the national team their goal.

We have none of that at the moment.

In fact we haven't had it since the World Youth Championships five months ago.

Instead of capitalising on those championships, the ASF forgot all about them!

The result is that the public has no idea who our international players are and there is no scope to build up such players in the media.

I urge the ASF bosses to put their heads together and think hard about this.

What soccer needs now is a programme of glamorous international matches to capture the public's imagination.

Without it, we might have to kiss the next World Cup goodbye, as we did the last two.

Yet with 24 nations qualifying now, it should be easier than ever for us to make it.

Let's not be under the mistaken impression however that money alone will get us there.

All I ever seem to read is how much sponsorship money we can expect for the next World Cup campaign.

But it wasn't money that brought success to New Zealand, nor to Kuwait, although Kuwait has money by the barrel-full.

No, it was intelligent preparation and it was also top-class coaching that brought success to those countries.

But instead of preparing ourselves we look set to waste at least a year, the same way we wasted a year after the 1974 World Cup finals, through which the Socceroos created enormous interest among all Australians.

More examples of soccer killing itself from within:

First, we have State League soccer dropped altogether from Channel 7 in Sydney, with PSL monopolising the coverage.

And of course British soccer still gets pride of place as well.

Yet isn't it more important to publicise State League soccer than British soccer?

Next, we see that Sydney's PSL clubs have banded together to produce a co-operative match programme.

Good move.

However, it seems not even the PSL clubs can work together. Whereas St. George, Sydney City, APIA and Marconi are a party to the programme, Sydney Olympic mysteriously is not.

Now to the bigger issues: It is that the State League kicks off with Blackburn's under 16s playing at 3 pm, the same time that our senior team plays on the ground opposite?

That junior game involved 60 or 70 parents who therefore could not see the senior game. What's more important is that the junior players couldn't see the senior game either — and it's from the seniors that they should be learning.

Why doesn't the Federation finally take steps to get all juniors to play on Saturday and Sunday mornings to enable them and their parents to go to senior games in the afternoon?

Instead, we have amateurs competing with semi-pros and semi-pros competing with the so-called pros etc. etc. etc.

Let's finally make it easier for soccer to do well in Australia. Isn't it time soccer stopped holding itself back?

The potential is there.

We have clubs and competitions which could and should be promoted much more intensively, and we certainly have the players.

They are coming through the ranks with exciting regularity.

Look around: Renato Licata, Attila Carbone and especially young Tom McCulloch (George's son) are doing fine things at Marconi, Socrates Nicolaides has hit the limelight at South Melbourne Hellas; Charlie Yankos is getting better and better at Heidelberg; Mark Barton and David Skeen are starring at St. George; Sulejmanovic is emerging as a potential star at Footscray JUST; Tom Totiskas and Robbie Dunn are big successes at West Adelaide; Ian Gray is consolidating his position at APIA, and so it goes on.

Velez Mostar captain Ledic is due to join soon.

But Ledic, who toured Australia with Velez in 1976, has been the best player in recent Yugoslav league matches, and one

Croatia bids for Djoni of Schalke

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Melbourne Croatia was close to clinching the signing of crack defender Vilson Djoni as we went to press.

Djoni played for many seasons with Yugoslav First Division club Hajduk Split before crossing to rival Dinamo Zagreb.

From Dinamo the talented Djoni moved to the German Bundesliga where he was snapped up by Schalke 04, his current club.

Djoni's contract with Schalke has expired but under the rules of the German federation Schalke must continue to pay Djoni 75 percent of match fees until the defender signs with another club.

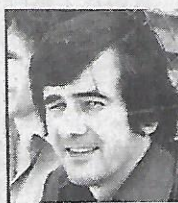
Croatia president Joe Sigur has spoken to Djoni by phone and the pair have agreed on terms. The only hitch is that Schalke is asking for a \$30,000 transfer fee.

Ex-Hajduk Split sweeper Mijo Mrcic also is on the Croatia shopping list. Croatia will contact Mrcic this week at current club, Solin, in the Yugoslav Second Division.

Meanwhile Croatia welcomed two overseas recruits last Monday. They are Josip Biskic, a 22-year-old midfielder from BSK Slavovski Brod and Jozo Antolovic, a 23-year-old attacking midfielder from Olimpica Osijek.

Biskic and Antolovic leave Croatia with only one temporary visa vacancy to fill.

Either Djoni or Mrcic can come here as a guest player, the other taking up Croatia's sole temporary visa vacancy.



Joe Sigur

Warren fails in television court action

The NSW Equity Court last week rejected an injunction taken out by former national team captain Johnny Warren and Miss Christine Finke, seeking to prevent Channel 0-28 from using the name "Captain Socceroo" for its Saturday afternoon TV show.

Mr Justice Rath awarded costs against Warren and Finke.

They took out the injunction, claiming they had formally applied to register the name "Captain Socceroo".

And they sought a declaration by the court in regard to Channel 0-28's rights to use the "Captain Socceroo" title.

Meanwhile, Channel 0-28 and Channel 7, for which Warren now works as host of a TV soccer footage shot by Channel 0-28.

A TV station which covered a PSL match on contract to Channel 0-28 complained recently that highlights of that match had been shown on Channel 7, without permission from



Johnny Warren

Channel 0-28 executive director Ron Fowell said 0-28 held the exclusive rights for coverage of PSL matches.

He said Channel 7 had apologised over the episode and talks were under way to work out a formal agreement on future use by Channel 7 of 0-28 footage.

Warren's legal representatives made it clear during the court hearing that because of financial limitations, it would be impossible to put a lengthy submission.

Had Warren continued with this preliminary hearing, the case could have gone to a second hearing and then to an appeal, which would have run into hundreds of thousands of

The Victorian Leagues kickoff this weekend amid the biggest upheaval in the history of soccer in the State.

The new-look, 14-team Metropolitan and Provisional Leagues should make for far fiercer competition.

The ambitions of many clubs have been sparked by their advancement to higher leagues while more established clubs have been forced into the great player chase in order to maintain a keen competitive ability.

It should make for great season.

Metro glamor clubs Frankston Pines and Fawkner are just one step away from winning their way into State League and they loom as major promotion candidates in a very tough First Division.

Western Suburbs and Box Hill had high hopes going into the 1981 season but failed to keep pace with Polonia and Albion Rovers, now in State League.

No doubt the Hillmen will be well-organised, robust outfit this year while Suburbs, again coached by former Socceroo Bili Vojtek, believe they can finish higher than their third placing in 1981.

Kew City, or Kew Park Rangers or Kew Celtic or whatever you are to call the club, certainly has mustered greater support from its amalgamation with the Melbourne

Fawkner, Pines big guns as Vic. kicks off

branch of the Glasgow Celtic Supporters' Club.

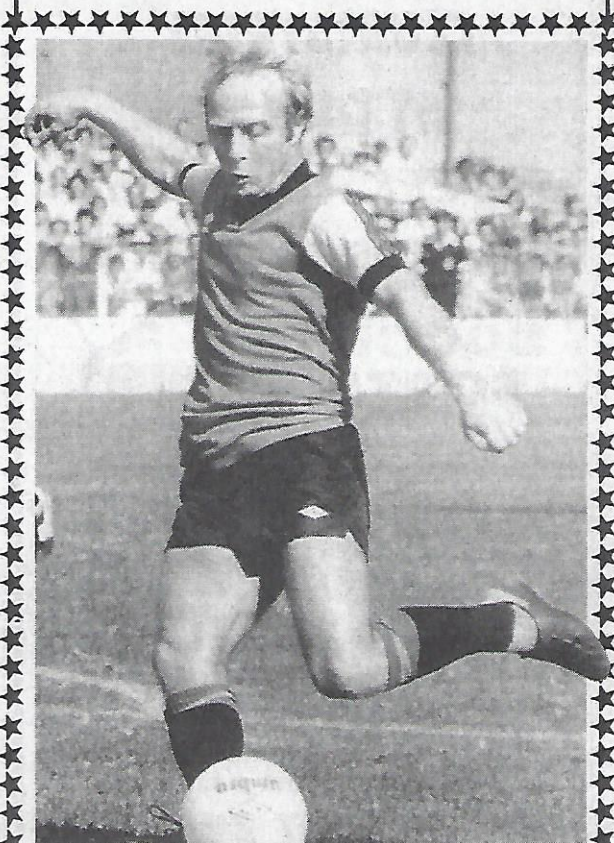
The kingpins in Kew's rise from the depths of Metro Fourth Division, Hugh Murray and Joe Cooherty, once more lead the club into another league campaign. Paddy McElhinney's return from Morwell Falcons and Ian McNeil's switch from Hakoah give Kew more class and aggression in midfield. If Murray and 'The Doc' can come up with a top class striker then Kew surely will figure prominently in the top half of the table throughout the season.

Aggression was one of the hallmarks of Preston Makedonia's State League championship winning side in 1980 when Brian Edgley was coach. No doubt Knox City hopes that Edgley's success with Makedonia rubs off. Edgley is backed by the experienced John Kennedy who recently completed a successful senior coaching course at Monash University. The pair is quite capable of building up a strong outfit at Knox.

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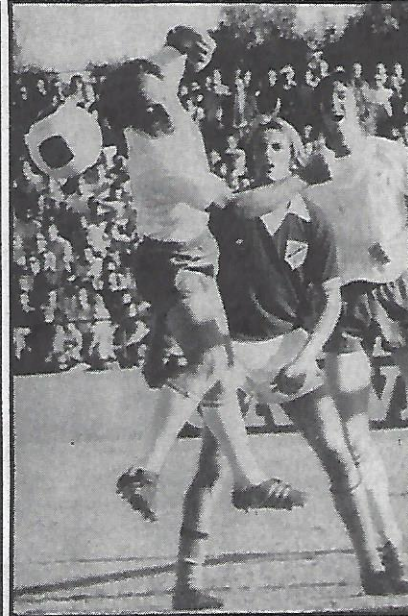


ABOVE: Rogers at Sunshine (second from right) after a Noordenne Cup victory. From left: Bill Johnson, Scott Frew, Mick Banagan, Alby Seenan, Herbie Seenan, Rogers, Zbig Olszewski.

TOP CENTRE: In the colors of Hellas.

TOP RIGHT: In action (centre) against Rocco Ilie (left) of Pan Hellenic.

RIGHT: After scoring for Hellas against Sydney Olympic, with team-mate Peter Ollerton in the background. Goalkeeper is Gary Meier.



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BILLY ROGERS: KING OF THE COMEBACKS

By LAURIE SCHWAB

'By putting in the effort,

I'll get the results'

Billy Rogers may be king of the comebacks, but would he be fit enough this time?

That was the big question when Rogers returned to training with South Melbourne Hellas last week.

At 32, he's no spring chicken. And he hasn't played since the end of last season — about five months ago.

Rogers himself didn't share those doubts.

The day we talked to him, he's risen at 6.30 am for his daily two-mile run. He doesn't drink nor smoke, and he's actually taken off five pounds since he stopped playing.

He was hoping like hell that he'd get to play against his old club, APIA, last Sunday.

But whatever happened at the weekend, Rogers is set to resume his role as the midfield strong-man of Hellas.

The call went out to him after Grant Turner's return to New Zealand and after Hellas had dropped three points from two games, against Sydney City Hakoah, and West Adelaide Hellas.

Rogers had quit at the end of 1981 to concentrate on his plumbing business and because he was sick of the travel back and forth from his home at Launching Place, about 60 km from Melbourne.

But soccer's still in his blood and he started bubbling with renewed enthusiasm when Hellas asked him to come back.

It's his second comeback with Hellas. He quit three years ago and was out of the game for 12 months after Hellas failed to respond to his demands for a new contract.

Yet even after a one-year absence, Rogers had no trouble fitting in again when coach John Margaritis called him back.

The most spectacular comeback however, was Rogers' return to the national team last year.

Coach Rudi Gutendorf decided he needed a midfield destroyer and it was Rogers he chose, even though Rogers' last game for Australia had been nine years earlier — against Pele's team FC Santos in 1972, when he came on as a substitute for Adrian Alston.

Australia managed a 2-2 draw that day, with Jimmy Rooney and Ray Baartz scoring the goals.

Rogers had played for Australia once previously, in a 2-2 draw with Wolverhampton Wanderers the same year.

And so Rogers wore the green and gold again in 1981, for Australia's opening World Cup qualifying game against New Zealand in Auckland.

Australia drew that game 2-2, but lost the return 0-2 in Sydney, and Rogers was dropped in the purge that followed.

dedicated, tireless fighter who serves as an inspiration to his team mates.

Born in South Africa, he played under 14 soccer there as a goalkeeper.

His first club in Australia was Sunshine City, where he was promoted from the under 16s to the reserves and then the senior team which benefited greatly from his high work rate for two seasons, before he switched to Melbourne-Hungaria.

There he became the club's top scorer, in 1970, when he had Rale Rasic as coach and Ray Pocock and Steve Bel-skany on the wings.

After two years with Melbourne, he headed for Sydney to join Auburn where he stayed for three years.

Then it was off to APIA, a champion team at the time, featuring Peter Ollerton, Jimmy Rooney and Terry Butler. It was at APIA that he shifted back to midfield.

Now in his fifth season with Hellas, he is putting everything he has into his comeback.

"I'm not coming back to play for the reserves or to sit on the bench," he said, "and by putting in the effort, I'll get the results."



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McGorian top gun against new-look Altona Gate

From page one
Altona Gate-Vardar could have up to six new faces in its first 11 on Saturday when it hosts Frankston Pines at Paisley Reserve.

However, neither the experience of Cele Presilski nor the rugged tackling of Steve Dimovski look like suppressing Pines' star winger Mick McGorian.

Vlado Kotevski, Altona Gate's central defender, comes up against George Malcolm, one of the best shielders of the ball in Metro ranks. Malcolm is likely to run Kotevski all over the park so Altona Gate would be well advised to sign up sweeper Danny Aceski from J.U.S.T. Aceski could play a crucial role in Saturday's clash as his duty would be to give good cover to his fellow defenders assigned the task of quelling the rampaging Pines' strike force.

Altona City, the only club to be relegated during the major league reshuffle four weeks ago, confronts Italian-sponsored Fawkner at Kim Reserve on Saturday.

Altona recently signed Jim Leonard, a full back from Dundee in Scotland and he could find himself pitted against the elusive Mario Anselma, Fawkner's close season signing from Doncaster Rovers.

Hans van der Poel returns to the Altona goal while Nat Little, Steve Jones and Howard Mercer have again signed for this season.

However it's unlikely that midfielder George Watters will be seen in Altona colors this year and Billy Whyte still is overseas.

I lean slightly to Fawkner in this clash. With the Sabidussi brother — Bruno and Carlo — in midfield, the visitors should have their fair share of possession and may do just enough to shade an Altona side which will surprise a lot of teams in 1982.

Hellas-Mordialloc, St. Albans Dinamo, Heidelberg, Bundoora, Ringwood United Serbia — perhaps Second Division Metro should be called the Amalgamation League.

All these clubs will find the second string sides of Preston Makedonia, Heidelberg, Alexander and Footscray J.U.S.T. a handful this year.

The Second Division looks very open indeed. Croatian-sponsored St. Albans expects big things this season from star midfielder Branko Culina. As we went to press the club was negotiating with Melbourne Croatia for the release of midfielder Ivan Istuk.

Vinko Pavlovic, from Altona City, has joined so St. Albans should put together a squad good enough to vie for honors.

Hungarian-sponsored Melbourne is keen to regain its former status as one of the giants of Victorian soccer.



CRAIG MACKENZIE

Selections:

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Saturday: BOX HILL v Knox City; Altona Gate v FRANKSTON PINES; Altona City v FAWKNER.

Sunday: WESTERN SUBURBS v Moreland; BELL PARK v St. Albans; Richmond v KEW CITY; Kallor Austria v Doncaster Rovers (draw).

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: Preston Makedonia v MELBOURNE; DANDENONG CITY v Broadmeadows; Ardsay v Heidelberg-Bundoora (draw); Springvale City v ST. ALBANS DINAMO; Heidelberg United Ringwood United Serbia; ST. MELB. MORDIALLOC v Waverley City; Footscray J.U.S.T. v Werribee (draw).

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: COBURG v PORT MELBOURNE; Eltham v Corio (draw); THOMASTOWN v North Dandenong; PRAHRAN CITY v Brighton; MORNINGTON v Yallourn; Royal Richmond v Nunawading (draw); SUNBURY UNITED v Keysborough.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Hamlyn Rangers v Moorabbin (draw); Chelsea v Essendon City (draw); Monash University v CAULFIELD; SANDRINGHAM CITY v Rosedale; NORTH GEELONG v Mooroolbark; SOUTH OAKLEIGH v Geelong; Fintree Gully v Greensborough (draw).

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday: Carlton v EAST BRUNSWICK; MELTON v Clayton; BALLARAT v Langwarrin; KARINGAL UNITED v Lalor United; HAWKS BURN v South Yarra; SHEPPARTON CITY v Nunawading United; Hawthorn v ROSANNA.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: Clifton Hill v MALVERN CITY; YARRAVILLE v Moe United; Regent v CENTRAL CITY; BULLEEN v Boronia; Berwick City v Mordialloc (draw); West Melbourne v ABBOTSFORD TASSA; CRANBOURNE v Kyneton.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: Cheltenham v South Dandenong (draw); Mitcham v Uni. of Melbourne (draw); Monash Ponds v HAMPTON WANDERERS; Moorabbin v ALTONA UNITED; WEST BRUNSWICK v Dallas City; West Geelong v CLARINDA; Brunswick City v BURNLEY.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: NORTH MELBOURNE v East Carlton; Vermont v Uni. of Melbourne (draw); Pascoe Vale v North Sunshine (draw); SPRINGVALE UNITED v Ascot United; PORT UNITED v Murrumbidgee; Batman United v SEAFORD; MOSSFIEL RANGERS v Dingley.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Sunday: ENDEAVOUR HILLS v Chedoke; Balwyn City v PARKMORE; MACLEOD UNITED v Bundoora; Melbourne Uni. v Balclutha (draw); LYNDAL UNITED v Postal Institute; HOSA UNITED v Meadow Park; Latrobe Uni. v MACCABI HAKOAH.

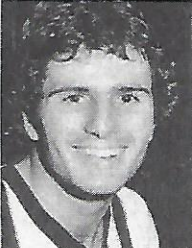
DIVISION TWO

Sunday: WAVERLEY UNITED v Royal Melb. Inst. of Tech; RAAF Melbourne v DIAMOND CREEK; Epping Thistle v Baxter (draw); CONCORDE v Mill Park; MULGRAVE v St. Bernard; WEST UNITED v Westall; KOOVONG RANGERS v Geelong United.

YOUTH LEAGUE

SOUTH EAST

Sunday: MORNINGTON v Springvale United; MOOROOLBARK v Moorabbin; NUNAWADING v Kew City; BOX HILL v Waverley; Knox City v FRANKSTON PINES; DOVETON v Springvale City.



Fawkner brothers Bruno (left) and Carlo Sabidussi.

Danny McMinimie, the man who guided Doveton into State League, is coach of Melbourne. McMinimie will put out a fit, hard-running side which features one of the most underrated players in Metro ranks in the talented John Bird.

Hellas-Mordialloc has signed Billy Rae as player-coach. The experienced Rae has been with Hakoah, Albion Rovers, Melbourne and Box Hill.

The new signings for the former Provisional Third Division club don't stop there.

George Cross trio, Jim Papas, Tom Tsatsias and Lou Hernandez have been



Cele Presilski, star of Altona Gate Vardar.

signed along with goalkeeper George Nicolopoulos from Postal Institute and Chris Michaelopoulos from Brighton.

The nuggety Michaelopoulos was the leading scorer in Metro Fourth Division last year.

Hellas-Mordialloc has its sights set on signing a big name striker. The club currently is negotiating with George Cross for Jim Papas. Hellas-Hakoah strikers Richie McClunie and Stan Webster are others who could be on the Greek sponsored club's shopping list.

Mordialloc should start off the season on a winning note on Saturday by taking the points from visitor Waverley.

St. Albans Dinamo visits Ross Reserve, Springvale, on Saturday and also should get a good start to the league season.

Thomastown and Mornington look like the teams to beat in Third Division.

Italian-sponsored Thomastown, current Provisional League champion, won last year's Italian Cup by beating Juventus in the final. Such a credential makes Thomastown appear a strong promotion candidate.

Former Altona City and Frankston City midfielder Davie Cooper is player-coach of Mornington and has signed big Bob Adams from Frankston City.

"The Seagulls" have taken a long time to gain the momentum to get out of Metro Fourth Division and should continue on their winning way when they host Yallourn on Saturday.

George Train's Sunbury United must come into calculations for promotion, as should Greek sponsored Port Melbourne which made a big impact in a recent Greek Cup competition.

North Geelong, Mooroolbark, South Oakleigh and Sandringham look like the strongest sides in Fourth Division.

No doubt Norrie Davey's Rosebud won't be far behind. The colorful Davey always produces, tough, competitive sides and already this season he's signed Jimmy Smart, the former Essendon Lions great.

Davey has had coaching stints at Dandenong City,

Sandringham and Nunawading City.

He'll meet old friends on Saturday when he takes his side to Sillitoe Reserve in Hampton to challenge Steve Walker's Sandringham.

The locals feature no less than seven new faces and are keen to get off to a flying start to 1982.

Croatian-sponsored North Geelong and Ian Williamson's Mooroolbark clash down Corio way on Saturday. A draw looks like the best bet.

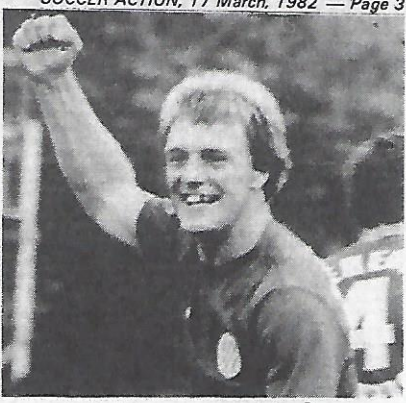
The Barkers completed successful sponsorship negotiations late last week with Data Key Australia Pty. Ltd. and with ex-Sunshine stalwart Mike Dixey and Croydon midfielder Johnny Howarth in their line-up they should do their sponsor proud this season.

I fancy Ballarat, Rosanna and Hawksburn to fight out the Provisional First Division title race.

In Second Division my money's on Cranbourne, with Yarraville, Malvern City and Central City not far behind.

Burnley has high hopes of success in Third Division but watch out for Clarinda and Hampton Wanderers.

Springvale United should win the Fourth Division championship. The only interest revolves around the runner-up spot and Turkish-sponsored Holland Park can prove that the climb from the Amateur to the Provisional Leagues is not insurmountable.



Carl Gilder — not so jubilant now.

Pay is for service!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The right of a player to appeal against the transfer fee placed upon his head by his club has had an inflationary effect upon Australian transfer fees.

The rationale behind the introduction of Appeals Boards was to give players the chance to gain a fair and reasonable transfer fee.

Clubs haven't been slow in fitting their interests into the structure of the Appeals Board system.

Now clubs place even higher transfer fees upon players, expecting Appeals Boards to drop the transfer price by a few thousand dollars.

However, in the case of Melbourne Croatia striker Carl Gilder, the \$15,000 placed upon his head was not knocked down by the Appeals Board.

The terms of reference for the VSF Appeals Board are curious. They are:

In determining the transfer fee the tribunal (Appeals Board) shall consider the following points: (1) Cost of player to club (2) Length of service to club, (3) Signing-on fee and match fee paid by club, (4) Player's age, (5) Player's standard at joining club and at time of transfer.

It amazes this writer that the VSF Appeals Board, indeed any Appeals Board, can take into consideration the match fee paid by the club.

Surely that match fee is a payment for service, nothing more, nothing less. The club is the employer, if you like, and pays the player — its employee — a match fee which can be likened only to a weekly wage.

That match fee is a subject for private negotiation between player and club and it is ludicrous in the extreme to include match fees when considering a fair and reasonable price to be placed upon a player's head.

Croatia won't find a buyer for Carl Gilder at its \$15,000 transfer price. Committeemen I have spoken to acknowledge this. Gilder himself acknowledges this. So what is the point of the exercise?

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Hellas-Hakoah's striking double, Richie McClunie and Stan Webster, have been transfer listed at their own requests.

The pair has a keen understanding up front and the prices on their heads are negotiable.

McClunie is listed at \$1,500 with Webster at \$2,500. Interested clubs should phone 531 7262 after hours.

Both players have extensive experience in the Ayrshire League in Scotland.

BENTLEY'S BACK

Gordon Bentley has returned to Melbourne, the club with which he started his Australian career.



Mel Whelan (right) managing director of Data Key Australia, hands over his company's sponsorship cheque to Charles Woods, vice-president of Metro Fourth Division giant Mooroolbark. This is the second year...

It's 'bon voyage' to David Childs

One of the best — quite possibly the very best — of Australia's top-flight soccer administrators quit the game last Friday: David Childs, secretary of Sydney City is out of soccer. And a sad day for the game this is.

Childs — Welsh born, English educated, ex-RAF, ex-Wollongong and Northern NSW Federation secretary — resigned to take up an executive post in Queensland with a network of food stores.

To me, he always has epitomised the ideal club secretary: intelligent, efficient, enterprising, creative and highly imaginative. On top of that he has managed to remain affable; even at the end of a hard day — often ending at 8pm — pleasant, polite and for ever

willing to get involved in one of those interminable "what's-wrong-with-the-game" type of discourses. His critics at times claimed that David Childs had "failed" with Wollongong and with Northern NSW. Actually, it was the club and that Federation that failed him.

In Sydney City, sponsored by the Sydney Hakoah club, David found his métier; this non-Jewish Anglo-Saxon fitted perfectly into what must have been an alien setting for him.

Hakoah is a rich club, a luxurious club, a totally European club but may not be an easy club to work for.

Somebody — a club member — once cracked to me:

"In APFA, Nick Papallo is the president of 8,000 mem-



Andrew Dettre

bers. Here in Hakoah, Frank Lowy is the president of 5,000 presidents."

As some readers might suspect, I am seldom in awe of our soccer administrators; the majority are honest but drab men debbling into a great unknown, with predictably poor results.

That goes for Federations, too, not just the clubs. The il-

logical infrastructure of our soccer, the slapdash routine management "techniques" — and myriad problems associated with the game — prove this.

David Childs was one of the exceptions. Whether he was arranging a gala evening at the club, negotiating with a sponsor, meeting with other club officials or briefing his superiors, he was rarely at his second best.

And now — he is out of soccer. As he says, long term career considerations forced him to quit the game he deeply loves and understands. The very best leave the

game; the very worst stay on for ever. How unspeakably sad.

Also last week, Radio 2GB's sports editor threw a fat cat among the pigeons with his allegations that a "minor sport with a national sponsor" had tried to bribe him. He was offered \$100 cash a week for a few minutes of radio time on Saturday mornings.

The editor, Richard Fisk, wouldn't name the sport. Could it have been soccer? We all wonder.

Fisk also said that he knew "at least four" Sydney journalists taking bribes from various sports. Naturally, he wouldn't name the gallant four.

But we have been hearing such rumours for years. According to "reliable reports," some reporters receive an unjustified "Christmas present"

from certain clubs; the sum of \$2,000 has been mentioned. One of them is allegedly collecting payoffs left, right and centre.

Then what about a commentator involved with the electronic media who is reportedly also "on the take"? Sydney club officials talk about this with amazing openness but none of them are prepared to be quoted.

It's a sad reflection of our times that journalists should accept two payments for the one job — one from their employers, one from the sport itself.

Still, undoubtedly, a few of them do. Those who offer these inducements are just as guilty as those who take it, let alone demand it.

But beyond the moral implication, one really wonders what miracles these bribed reports are supposed to perform? Are they worth being corrupted?

If any of them would have ever demonstrated an ability to pack the grounds, I'd say the temptation of the bribes was at least understandable.

However, week after dreary week, their writing or commentary has not even the most tenuous effect on attendance; if anything, it keeps fans disenchanted with the game.

The only sensible thing would be to pay them a small weekly retainer and ask them not to write anything at all. Perhaps that would bring about some positive results.

Investigate payola claims, oops, what a blunder!

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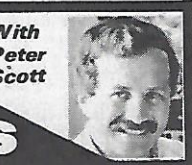
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IN FOCUS

The proverbial bull dust really hit the sand in Sydney last week with sensational allegations of payola going the way of all powerful sports commentators.

The rationale for these stores seems to be that the many sports battling for survival and the elusive sponsorship dollar are seeking ways of ensuring

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guaranteed exposure on TV and Radio.

We in soccer are familiar with the very problems they are talking about even if many of our sports' wounds are self-inflicted when it comes to media relations.

Witness the latest fracas between the Phillips Soccer League and the various State Leagues.

There are numerous others even worse off than the round-ball code.

However, out of all the hullabaloo and protestations from outraged media personalities something good may emerge. Soccer and the many other sports and, dare we say, the largely dormant Confederation of Australian Sport which is expected to represent all of us, should not allow this affair to become a nine day wonder.

Let's take up the cudgels and demand a thorough investigation into why some sports feel it necessary to spend their meager resources on allegedly greasing the palms of commentators.

Why don't all Radio and TV stations as well as newspapers, do their job, which is to present the news and information in a manner and format at least roughly representative of the size of public participation and standard of competition in each of these sports, within the obvious limitations of time and space?

On what basis do sports get classified into "minor" and "major" categories?

What are the guidelines for deciding on the slot for each sport, this arbitrary type-casting which can well determine its future hopes for sponsorship and attracting crowds?

Now that the lid has been blown off we may well be entitled to ask why certain afternoon newspapers devote, on occasion, 85 percent or more of their sporting space to Rugby League and Racing. In fact, maybe the time has arrived for the Australian sporting media to be put under the microscope, one which should focus in on the professionalism, knowledge, competence and fair mindedness of some of our fellow journalists, editors and producers.

Just to stay with the media theme a little while longer, it is a pity that a semblance of respect and co-operation cannot be maintained within the soccer press of this country.

Last week I felt the need to refer to another soccer publication which, judging by the latest issue seems to specialise in denigrating anything that looks the least bit like competition.

All I can say is that in business, everybody should get judging by the quality of the service or the product provided, not by an ability to score points off cheap shots aimed at competitors.

And, while we are discussing quality and accuracy, it is strange that a publication which never ceases to sound like the soccer version of Muhammad Ali would allow some rather embarrassing blunders to appear in its pages.

For instance, would somebody please tell them that George Christopoulos' appearance in Britain for Newcastle United does not depend on Greece eventually joining the European Common Market.



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

The 'big boot' is the best way to lose the ball

Viewing recent matches from England on television, I despair at the number of teams that still persist, with the goalkeeper in possession of the ball, in using the very often non-productive "big boot" towards the halfway line.

This normally results in a big battle and frequent loss of possession of the ball.

This tactic is applied so much by our own teams here in Australia. Some of the coaches responsible for those teams, very often talk of playing skillful, creative and entertaining soccer and yet still persist with a tactic that gives the ball away with almost reckless abandon and obvious regularity.

On the other hand there often is a paranoid anxiety present in many spectators and team officials when their team is prepared to receive the ball from the goalkeeper in areas close to their own goal and play out from the back.

Victoria played this system of building up from the back in their recent fixtures versus New Zealand and Hungary.

Unfortunately the patience shown by the Victorian players in building up their attack did not carry through to the anxious Victorian supporters.

Surely, for a team to reach at least the halfway line with the ball in their composed possession, is a much better proposition than the ball in the air with the chance that your team may or may not win the first touch, and then have to battle for possessions after that.

Generally an organised defence can deal with the predictable "big boot" attack, with a good challenge in the air and cover behind the challenge.

That does not mean that the kick from the goalkeeper has no place in the game; performed at the right time it can be effective but I believe it is generally overworked. Evidence of it being used success-

fully was seen with Victoria's first goal against New Zealand scored by Dave Brogan from Lou Denys's long kick.

Playing out from the back does not mean one or two passes and back to the goalkeeper. It needs an organised and pre-conceived policy of moving the ball forward using players in rear positions to start the movements.

That same policy must be developed on training nights so players understand their role. Generally operations are directed by the player, who may be the sweeper.

Heidelberg United with John Venzon plays it well and last week I saw West Adelaide playing this system with Neil McGachey outstanding.

On the local scene the very successful Green Gully Ajax play the system with super confident John Gardiner pulling the strings.

Why play from the back? Very basically to ensure that our team retains possession of the ball, albeit in areas close to our own goal. It can also ensure that our player is in a composed state when in possession to deliver a quality pass to players around him.

Players can also decide to run the ball forward if the situation is on. Using this principle of playing from the back we may encourage the opposition to become stretched defensively and ease the problem of playing through them. Added to this, the opposing front players may have to do much defensive running to prevent the ball being played forward. This of course acts as a drain of their physical resources which they need so much when they are in possession.

Next week I will continue this subject and look at what we need to play out from the back and of course HOW WE PLAY OUT FROM THE BACK. I will include a diagram with a suggested method of performing the task.

Victorian squad for NZ tour

The squad for the Victorian u/15 representative team to tour New Zealand in May has been finalised. The squad is as follows: —

Ross Carroza (Meadow Park), Renzo Boggi (Fawkner), Michael McClellan, Greg Cant, Scott Watson (Newnading City), Robert Markovac, Ivan Turcic, Ugar Jukic (Melbourne Croatia), Erny Tapai (Melbourne), Con Kikios (South Oakleigh), Greg Simmons (Sunshine City), Theo Mitsou (Clayton), Chris Siosmos (Fernree Gully), Victor Christalido (Kellor City), Jac Dimeco (Brighton), Paris Tsambas (Albion Rovers), Emergency Maran Basic (Mornington).

Paris Tsambas will be the tour captain and vice-captain will be Erny Tapai.

The squad had its first run since being named when it was

the guest of Shepparton City and played against a Goulburn Valley select side. For an hour the Goulburn Valley side proved a worthy opponent, but the state squad ran out the winners 6-2. Scorer's were Watson 2, Basic 2, Markovac and Turcic.

Brighton soccer club has offered its ground to the squad for training. The Regional squads have now been finalised and the regional competition starts on March 28 and continues to April 3 and 4.

During the recent meeting of country delegates, the various associations informed the J.L.M.C. that there has

been a number of junior players' registrations. During the Under 15 tour of New Zealand I shall endeavour to bring and arrange a tour in 1983 for a Victorian Country U/15 side.

Basic coaching courses will be held at most country centres in the next few weeks. Shepparton City is trying to arrange games for a U/16 squad when it comes to Melbourne to play its Provisional League games.

Any teams interested in playing it can contact me on 467 6315 for details.

Also, any clubs interested in playing the U/15 state squad on Wednesday nights during April can also contact me.



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FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 PRESTON MADEKONIA 1 (Ward) at Schindler Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab: 6. Boyle (Mak), 5. Whittle (Mak), 4. Petrovski (Mak), 3. Milne (JUST), 2. Stojcowski (JUST), 1. Iloeki (JUST).

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 2 (Lowe 2) MARCONI-DATSON 0 at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni: 6. Lowe (NI), 5. Doolley (NI), 4. Treddinick (NI), 3. Sneddon (NI), 2. McClelland (NI), 1. Hunter (MI).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Kosmina, Can) at Hindmarsh. Votes by Memo Toutalidis: 6. Murray (SC), 5. McGachey (WA), 4. Kosmina (SC), 3. Dunn (WA), 2. Spanos (SC), 1. Bruce (SC).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 2 (Cole, Campbell) **ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1** (Northcote) at Olympic Park. Votes by Craig Mackenzie:

6. Campbell (H), 5. Ferguson (AC), 4. Yankos (H), 3. Yzendoorn (H), 2. Marocchi (AC), 1. Mitchell (AC).

CANBERRA CITY 2 (Valeri, Brennan) **BRISBANE LIONS 2** (Millman, Williamson) at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Brennan (C), 5. Ambrosino (C), 4. Hogg (BL), 3. T. Byrne (C), 2. Low (BL), 1. Millman (BL).

BRISBANE CITY 3 (Kelo, Conner, Carey) **WOLLONGONG** (Fontana) at Spencer Park. Votes by Ricky Hosco:

6. Conner (BC), 5. Tokael (BC), 4. Bertogna (W), 3. Cotton (W), 2. McVeigh (BC), 1. Adam (W).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Marton) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2** (Koussas, K. Wilson) at St. George Stadium. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Ketholos (SO), 5. Fraser (St.G), 4. P. Wilson (SO), 3. Ratcliffe (St.G), 2. Jennings (SO), 1. Scott (SO).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 3 (Soper 2, Burrows) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2** (Egan, Suljovic) at Lambert Park. Votes by Rogan Sherrack:

6. Soper (APIA), 5. Stevenson (SM), 4. BRADLEY (APIA), 3. G. Campbell (SM), 2. Burrows (APIA), 1. Egan (SM).

Leaders: 20. Soper (APIA), 19. McGachey (WA), 18. Ketholos (SO), 17. Yzendoorn (H'berg), 16. Bradley (APIA), Stone (St.G), Northcote (AC).

15. Barton (St.G), Dunn (WA), 14. Bertogna (W), Conner (BC), Brown (Mak), 13. Tokael (BC), 12. Evans (SM), Cole (H'berg), R. Wilson (Mak).

11. Davidson (SM), Marton (St.G), Williamson (BL), Brennan (Can).

Hakoah for lead, Hellas to click

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Sydney City Hakoah should be perched in its customary top of the table position after Sunday's clash with APIA Leichhardt at the Sydney Athletic Field.

The classy Sydney City is my tip for title honors in 1982. It's monotonous to tip Eddie Thomson's team for title honors—the team that's won three PSL titles in five years. Almost as repulsive as the fashion in which Sydney City continues to dominate Australian soccer at the highest level.

As in 1981, the John Kosmina-Kenny Boden partnership leads the Sydney City strike force and should prove too good for the APIA defence on Sunday.

No doubt APIA's measured improvement in recent times continues. In Marshall Soper, APIA has one of the most exciting strikers in the present PSL.

However, the elusive Soper will find space up front at a premium against experienced Steve O'Connor, John Spanos and Co. South Melbourne Hellas, the team which promised so much at the start of the season now finds itself five points adrift from top spot.

Hellas probably claims, rightfully, that it has had no luck in its past two trips to Sydney. Missed chances cost it dearly against Sydney City and a late Soper goal sealed its fate against APIA. However Hellas can rekindle its flagging championship flame at Brisbane City's expense at Middle Park on Sunday.

Charlie Egan heads the scorers' list at Hellas this year with four PSL goals to his name. More importantly the quicksilver Egan promises even greater things to come once he finally finds his feet in PSL ranks.

An unusual Jim Shirra mistake cost Hellas dearly against APIA and the home team's support will be looking for a disciplined display against Nero Saffich's Brisbane City.

With Jimmy Dunne at sweeper and fullbacks Steve Perry and Billy Wilkinson flanking the former Eire international, City takes on a fairly resolute appearance in defence. Still, it's hard to see the visitors holding out on Sunday.

Preston Makedonia may have to be satisfied with sharing the points when it runs into George Murray's Canberra at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

Canberra kingpins, Ian Gibson and Ian Purdie, are the danger men here and now that Tony Brennan has found his scoring touch the home side's defence could be in for a torrid time.

Canberra coach Murray is well acquainted with the ability of Makedonia's dynamo Doug Brown. The pair knew each other at Aberdeen in Scotland, so Murray's knowledge of Brown's strong-point could be put to good use when the Canberra supremo selects the man to quell the dashing Scot.

Heidelberg should find itself just one point away from top spot in the PSL after it clashes with Marconi at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

Heidelberg stopper Don Macleod may be confronted by the tall, aggressive Bertie Mariani but the former Nottingham Forest defender won't be outdone by Mariani in the aggression stakes.

I'm a fan of Marconi's young winger Renato Licata but the youngster will find experienced Arthur McMillan an uncompromising foe. Indeed, Licata may find himself having to follow McMillan up the field whenever the Heidelberg right back takes off on the overlap.

Heidelberg has been falling down in midfield recently while Marconi seems to have unearthed a player of the future in 17 year

IN MELBOURNE
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Brisbane City at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm.
Preston Makedonia v Canberra (draw) at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
SYDNEY CITY v APIA Leichhardt at Sydney Athletic Field, Sunday, 3 pm.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v West Adelaide at Pratten Park, Sunday, 5 pm.

IN WOLLONGONG
WOLLONGONG v Footscray J.U.S.T. at Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday, 4 pm.

BRISBANE LIONS v Newcastle KB at Richlands, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE CITY v St George (draw) at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

old Tom McCulloch, who probably will be given the responsibility of the central midfield role on Sunday.

Marconi's biggest problem will be in trying to tag Jim Campbell who will run his marker ragged all around Marconi Stadium.

Marconi will stage a special trial match tonight (Wednesday) to blood young Yugoslav import Nikola Duvanjak. Coach Dom Kapetanovic hopes Duvanjak will be sufficiently acclimatised to play against Heidelberg.

"Duvanjak is the type of player I could use in defence as well as at the front," Kapetanovic said.

"The Youth League match was rained off on Saturday, so he had no chance to gain the local experience he needs."

Kapetanovic also confirmed that Marconi's outstanding young midfielder, McCulloch, was set to return after a knee injury.

McCulloch's piercing through balls and maturity in reading the game have already made him a near certainty for the Australian Youth Team to contest the World Youth Championship elimination games in December.

Two of the PSL's Greek-sponsored clubs, Sydney Olympic and West Adelaide Hellas, meet at Pratten Park on Sunday and Olympic should scrape home against the well drilled West outfit.

Olympic's young Soccerroo midfielders, Peter Rakopoulos and Peter Ketholos will find themselves quickly closed down in the midfield third and their skills under pressure will be thoroughly tested.

However, under the constant barrage from the get-forward-at-all-costs Olympic, West may give way.

The greatest obstacle to Olympic picking up both points is West and Australian keeper Martyn Crook.

Wollongong should win its first points for the season against Footscray J.U.S.T. at the Wollongong Showgrounds on Sunday.

Some journalists were prompted to view the Wollongong lads as title contenders at the start of the season, a prediction relegated to the realms of the ridiculous after just five PSL rounds.

However coach Ken Morton may have something to smile about after his side confronts dispirited and undermanned J.U.S.T.

Newcastle KB coach Ken Kaiser is ready to welcome Craig Johnston, Australia's only million dollar footballer, who will be Newcastle's guest player for at least three matches in June.

"The team is on the improve, so it will be great to have a player of Craig's qualities," said Kaiser.

Johnston, a Newcastle product, transferred from Middlesbrough to European Cup holder Liverpool before the start to the current English season.

He has been in and out of the first team, but shows his precocious talents whenever he plays.

It's a pity, for KB's sake, that Johnston won't be here for Sunday's trip to Brisbane to meet free scoring Lions at Richlands.

Lions' Scottish import Billy Williamson, surely is one of the most under rated strikers in the PSL.

Williamson's tight ball control is excellent but more importantly he's quick to size up a chance to strike at goal and his finishing is first class.

Against a far from impressive KB back four Williamson should improve his scoring record in Australian soccer.

St. George has got off to a flying start to the season but it was brought back to earth last Sunday in its 2-1 loss to Olympic.

At Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday Frank Arok's Saints could find Adelaide City a difficult opponent.

City will be boosted by sweeper Neil Banfield from England who will take part in a defence facing up to goal machine Dez Marton flanked by fellow Yugoslav Lazio Leric.

Then there's St. George's young attacking midfielder Mark Barton to contend with.

Johnny Nyskohus played deep against Heidelberg last Saturday night but against Saints he's likely to be released into a more attacking role alongside David Mitchell and Brian Northcote. A draw is on the cards.

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(Makedonia)

McGACHEY (3)
(WA-Hellas)

TOKESI (2)
(Brisb.C)

AMBROSINO (1)
(Canberra)

WHITTLE (2)
(Makedonia)

BOYLE (1)
(Makedonia)

KATHOLOS (2)
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Ground: Spencer Park.
Crowd: About 2600.
Referee: Bill Montavardo 8.
Cautions: Conner (W).
BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, McVeigh 7, Dunne 7, Tokes 8, Wilkinson 7, Pimblett 7, Liddell 7, Bohan 7, Conner 8, Kalso 7 (Hamilton, 70th), Carey 7.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 6, Willis 6, Bertogna 8, Dunne 6, Alinsworth 6, Adam 7, Fontana 7, Fleming 6, Cotton 7, Gaffney 6, Morlando 5 (Ken 63rd).

A training accident has put Brisbane City's former Socceroo fullback Steve Perry on crutches and out of the game for at least a month.

But stand-in fullback John McVeigh, a former midfielder-striker, has proved quite capable and was among the better players in City's far-from-convincing 3-1 win over Wollongong.

Perry chipped a bone in his ankle during a training game last Friday. City was playing a PSL v State League team trial when, two minutes from time, Perry went into a tackle with striker Barry Kalso, who was playing for the State Leaguers.

Perry's ankle swelled immediately and on Sunday he had plaster up to the knee. Perry said he would see a specialist this week but at the very best he did not expect to be training for a month.

Normally that would have been disastrous news for City as Perry is one of its most reliable players and although normally right back, fills in along the backline when the need arises. Only two weeks ago in Melbourne he was the sweeper for the suspended Dunne in City's match against Makedonia.

But McVeigh has proved a surprise package at fullback and is giving City a new facet of attack with his curling crosses from around the halfway line into the penalty box.

McVeigh, who last season was a fringe player mainly due to injury, was first pushed back into defence when Dunne was sent from the field in the Derby with Lions three weeks ago.

He stayed in the position and looks to be improving with each game. He did little wrong in last weekend's clash with Wollongong but, to be honest, it was a game in which no-one tarnished or enhanced their reputations.

The only exception was skillful winger Willie Conner, who these days seems a ball of energy.

Conner was involved in all three City goals. His corner gave City its first, he scored the second and it was his brilliant through ball which put City on the road to its third.

Conner, whose close control is a delight to watch, rounded with ease the Wolves' defenders who repeatedly committed themselves too early and he was unlucky not to add more to the scoresheet.

City started the game with plenty of fire and big striker Kalso could have put the home side to a good early lead. But two good saves by Natch Vardareff kept Wollongong in the



Ricky Rosso

game and slowly the Wolves began mounting attacks on the City goal.

The prime instigator was centre forward Roy Cotton, who with Arno Bertogna and at times Lee Adam, looked the only Wollongong players who could hold their own in top company.

Cotton was willing to run back and forward across the width of the park looking for an opening and was finally rewarded in the 34th minute. He completely skinned Dunne and his good shot was parried by City keeper Kim Wishart across the goal for Glenn Fontana to side foot it.

Amazingly several City defenders stood and appealed for offside as they watched Fontana race in and finish the move.

With that goal under their belt the Wolves should have at least gone home with a point because City was far from its best. But with Bertogna alone carrying the defence it was not surprising to see City equalise three minutes from halftime through Barry Kalso after loose marking of the men who set it up. Frank Pimblett and Bevan Bohan.

To their credit the Wolves had two good chances, one a good volley by Fontana which hit the crossbar, but after that they offered little in the way of winning determination.

After Conner got his goal in the 59th minute City had a period of concentrated attack with close chances being missed by Peter Carey, Frank Liddell and Pimblett and a well-saved by Vardareff.

The only hint of any attack from Wollongong came through a cracking 30-metre drive from Adam which hit the crossbar but rebounded down and away.

When Bobby Hamilton came on for the flu-affected Kalso in the 70th minute he gave them the same width on the left that Conner had made on the right.

After several unsuccessful raids down the flank it seemed only a matter of time before City would get another. It finally came six minutes from time when Hamilton ran onto a superb ball from Conner and crossed perfectly for Carey to nod in.

It was City's first win of the season but one which it should not be too happy about. City was definitely not as good as the scoreline showed and much more effort and commitment is needed to recapture the sturdy form of last season.

As for Wollongong, coach Ken Morton considered his team was robbed and only needs a change of luck for the results to start coming.

On last Sunday's performance a heart transplant for at least six of his players would be in order. Bertogna must get sick of carrying them each week.



Jim Cant (extreme right) seals West Adelaide's fate by scoring Sydney City Hakoah's second goal at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Marton's misses prove costly

St George 1
Sydney Olympic 2

Ground: St George Stadium
Scorers: Marton (St.G), Koussas, Wilson (SO).
Crowd: 3,340.
Referee: Ken Small 7.

ST GEORGE: Fraser 9, Skeen 7, M. O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 9, R. O'Shea 7, Stone 8, Barton 6, Griffith 7 (Lorinc 82), Davies 7, Wilkinson 6, Marton 6.

OLYMPIC: Wilson 9, Rogers 7, Zeras 8, Rowden 7, Scott 8, Raskopoulos 6, Katholos 9, Redfern 7, Phillips 7, Koussas 8, Jennings 8.

In a sparkling display of attacking football, Sydney Olympic downed hosts St George but had Saint's top marksman been on target the result could have been quite different.

Olympic, not afraid to run forward, left itself open at the back on quite a few occasions and should have been punished but alas, Des Marton their striker, had an off-day with his shooting boots, missing at least five good goal scoring chances.

To add to St George's frustrations, Peter Wilson in superb form making some great saves.

For those who might accuse me of bias I'd like to point out the facts of the game.

Marton had two early openings in the 10th and 16th minutes of the first half, with the second a mighty "sitter". Wilson came out, Marton lobbed him but lobbed the cross bar in the process.

Mark Koussas had his first chance in the 29th minute but Fraser made a superb save, then only a minute later Griffith had his first opportunity to slot home a rebound, but yet again the ball was driven over the bar.

In the 27th minute Olympic had Saints beaten. Fraser made a despairing save at the feet of Koussas, the ball rebounded to Raskopoulos, but

Alex Vesic

his job went past the post with Fraser well out of goal!

In the 30th minute it was Wilkinson's time to err. Some good work by Stone provided Wilkinson with an easy chance, but his shot was weak and straight at Wilson.

With 11 minutes remaining in the half, Graham Jennings crossed from the left, Fraser failed to hold the ball under pressure and palmed it to the feet of Mark Koussas who slot it in to make it 1-0.

Paul Wilkinson should have equalised in the 40th minute. A pin-point cross by Marton found Wilkinson alone and some seven metres from goal, but his header was poor and went past the post. Only a minute later Wilson made another superb save, this time from Stone, then came the first of many missed by Marton.

Skeen centred, Wilkinson headed down for Des Marton to face Wilson, but the ball was driven over the bar with the goal gaping wide open.

The game became a little rough midway through the second half, with Barton chopping down Raskopoulos, then Rowden making a tackle on Mike Fraser, after the Saints' keeper collected the ball, Jim Zira was so incensed with Barton's tackle he decided to say a few words to referee Small and was promptly booked, then Michael O'Shea got a yellow card for a foul on Peter Katholos.

Lorinc, who replaced Griffith, combined with Wilkinson in the 82nd minute to provide Marton with yet another chance but the Saint (read sinner) lost the ball in the mud.

The thrills and spills of the

last eight minutes were a delight to watch despite the near misses.

83rd: another sitter for Marton after Wilkinson pushed the ball through, but yet again Marton hesitated, then tried to eat Ziras and the ball was lost.

84th: Peter Katholos sped down the right flank in a superb counter attacking move, then with O'Shea approaching, Katholos crossed for Ken Wilson to score with his first touch of the ball!

87th: Following a corner from the right hand side and a subsequent melee in the penalty area, Ratcliffe hit the cross bar.

88th: Katholos had a chance, but his pile-driver was superbly saved by Fraser.

89th: Katholos, in search of a goal, beat Fraser but the ball hit the underside of the bar and came out!

90th: As the crowd was leaving, Marton finally found the net following a rebound. He lobbed Wilson to make it 2-1 and add some respectability to the score.

What can you say after a game like this? For Olympic, it plays some scintillating stuff at times, but at the same time gets carried away and leaves itself wide open at the back. Still, if you are in the game to provide entertainment, then I can thoroughly recommend Olympic's style.

Katholos had a great game and so did Raskopoulos. These two youngsters haven't had the last say yet, of that I am sure.

Young Peter Wilson in goal was superb, while Graham Jennings and Mark Koussas are a delight to watch. Jennings with his superb skills and Koussas with his great penetration.

At the other end, Mike Fraser had a superb day and could not be blamed for the goals. Ratcliffe was the pick of the defenders, Stone the best in midfield while Marton, missed chances aside, did well to get into scoring positions.

Super Soper revels in the rain

APIA Leich 3
S.M. Hellas 2

Scorers: Leichhardt: Soper 80th & 86th, Burrows 10th; South Melbourne: Egan 53rd, Buljevic 86th.
Ground: Lambert Park
Crowd: 2704 (incl).
Referee: J. Reeves 7.
Cautions: Blair, Campbell (SM), McAusland, Soper (APIA).

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 8, Skellern 7, McAusland 8, Pullen 7, Gray 7, Bradley 6, McGreen 7, Butler 7, Morsello 7, Soper 9, Burrows 8.

HELLAS: Laumets 7, Blair 7, Shira 7, Jones 8, Xanthopoulos 7, Rogers 7, Stevenson 8, Davidson 7, Egan 8, Evans (Buljevic 11th 7), Campbell 8.

A top class drama unfolded at Lambert Park whilst the Sydney skies proved they could outdo anything that Melbourne could muster in the way of rain.

The principal part was played by APIA Leichhardt ex-Newcastle striker Marshall Soper, who netted the goal that edged his team ahead and later scored the winner.

The great strength of this player is that he can produce a performance as dismal as was Sydney's weather, turn around and punish Hellas with two great goals, then get carried off the field by wildly enthusiastic fans.

Earlier he had sliced balls away and hit the side-netting when goals were "on" but of course, it still took a potential star to get into the positions to have these shots.

And, to top it off, he was the recipient of referee Reeves' caution in the 68th minute.

It would be difficult to forget those Soper goals.

The first followed a John Bradley centre from deep on the left in the 80th minute. Then, with a 2-2 result imminent, Jim Schirra failed to give his back-pass to Peter Laumets due weight. Soper scented the chance to sprint in and sent Laumets to find the empty net.

No wonder disconsolate Hellas coach John Margaritis

was so close to a touch to scoring. Soper headed in one for a 2-1 lead, slid another header past the post, and after Buljevic had scored he smacked in the winner.

It was an epic in the rain and left Willie Wallace with one of those quizzical smiles that point to the possibility of even better things to come.



Makedonia's dynamic striker Doug Brown (left) lets fly with a fierce shot against Footscray J.U.S.T. keeper Dennis Boland. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

DREAM DEBUT FOR LOWE

Newcastle 2
Marconi 0

Scorers: Lowe 16th, 77th
Ground: International
Sports Centre
Weather: Wet
Crowd: 2,920

Referee: Gary Power 7.
NEWCASTLE: Dando 7, Curran 7, Tradnickic 8, Sneddon 8, Mason 7, McClelland 7, McGregor 76th, Senkalski 7, Dooley 8, Stamp 7, Lowe 8, Jones 7.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Bozanic 7, Budini 6, Calderon 6, Prskalo 7, Picioane 6, Vieri 6, Silva 6, Hunter 7, Jankovics 7, Licata 6 (Rizotto 77th).

Newcastle KB United notched its first win of the season when it defeated the once great Marconi team.

Apart from the jubilation of having taken two points, there were other reasons for the big smiles on the faces of the Newcastle officials.

Most of all the dream debut of 18 year old David Lowe (long overdue 1 might add) who played well and also helped himself to a couple of well taken goals.

Although it is too early to get carried away with one performance, the youngster showed that he is not afraid to have a shot he is good in a tight situation and these two assets alone will bring him goals.

The other ray of sunshine was the first appearance of midfielder Garrie Dooley in front of the Newcastle crowd. He showed that he will be quite an asset in the months to come. He is an honest player who can pace his game and even when he is taking a break is still involved. He is a perfect foil for Joe Senkalski and the other midfielder, Malcolm McClelland.

However, the most pleasing part of the afternoon was the

defence, a vast improvement on the last home match, no doubt a result of the greater tenacity shown by the midfield trio.

You might have noticed by now that I have not mentioned the opposition so far as, sadly this is the worst Marconi team I have seen.

Obviously in the process of rebuilding, probably Marconi's main problem last Saturday was the selection of three ball players in the midfield against a team whose game is based upon close working and tough tackling and that was the start of all of Marconi's troubles.

The inability of Joe Picioane, Roberto Vieri and Hilton Silva to pick their man up consistently put a tremendous strain on an inexperienced defence (Prskalo have taken) and the score could have been catastrophic proportions, but for some poor finishing and some good saves by Alan Maher.

The game started slowly and in the 7th minute Maher was brought into action by David Jones whose free kick was scrambled around the post by the keeper.

Newcastle continued to press and it was no surprise when the home side went ahead in

the 16th minute after Alf Stamp waltzed past two defenders before setting up Lowe inside the area and his ground shot beat Maher.

That goal gave the locals confidence and for the rest of the half they bombarded Marconi's goal, missing narrowly on several occasions.

On one of these occasions, McClelland made a great opening before passing to Senkalski but the midfielder's shot was well saved by Maher.

The second half started in similar vein and it was not until the 62nd minute that Marconi seriously threatened Phil Dando when a skilfully lifted free kick over the wall by Vieri was flicked past the post by Jankovics.

Newcastle continued to press and was a shade unlucky

not to have a penalty when Lowe took on the Marconi defence, beating two men before being brought down by a sidleron. However, referee Power refused the request for a penalty.

In fairness, a similar situation in the Newcastle penalty area received the same result when Jankovics was brought down by a defender.

Eventually, Newcastle put the issue beyond doubt when Garrie Dooley found a big gap through the centre of the Marconi defence before drawing Calderon and setting up Lowe. With the aplomb of a veteran he calmly steadied himself, waited for Maher to commit, then steered the ball into an empty net.

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Gary Ward slides past goalkeeper Dennis Boland to score Makedonia's winning goal. Picture by LES SHORROCK



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ROCCO ILLE BACK FOR FOOTSCRAY?

Foots JUST 0 Makedonia 1

Scorer: Ward 70th
Venue: Schintler Reserve
Crowd: 4910
Cautions: Boyle (Mak); Sinic (JUST)
Referee: Chris Bambridge

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.:
Boland 8 — O'Reilly 7 — Stojcicki 8, Milne 8, Bell 7, Hasel 8 — Iliak 8, Jovanovic 7 — Cozzella 7, (Vasic 62nd), Sinic 6, Lujic 6.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA:
Wilson 7 — Petrovski 9, Todorovski 7, McMillan 8, Fox 7 (Bosch 62nd) — Flavell 7, Boyle 9, Whittle 9 — Ward 6, Ollerton 6, Brown.

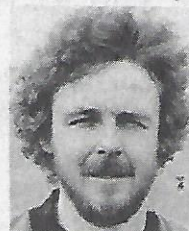
With Claude Lucchesi and Rob Cullen yet to return to the team, Preston Makedonia appears set to challenge for a place in the top four, provided it can get another goalkeeper.

Richard Wilson has been in excellent form this season but he leaves in May with the New Zealand World Cup squad, and won't be back until early July. Makedonia is now poised just outside the four, and should win again against Canberra City at Connor Reserve on Sunday, but without an adequate replacement for Wilson, it could slip back during the crucial part of the season.

J.U.S.T., on the other hand, needs a few forwards, otherwise the defence will continue to be overworked as it was last Sunday.

There's talk that Joe Palamas wants to return from Brisbane City — and J.U.S.T. should waste no time in signing him. Johan Verweij is supposed to be returning from New Zealand, and he too should help the attack.

Everything considered, J.U.S.T. achieved somewhat of a moral victory against Makedonia, although it lost the



Graham Fox



Rocco Ilio

match and was beaten in general play.

But then J.U.S.T. had the handicap of having to play without injured Jim Kondarinos and Suleiman Curovic, forcing coach Mileko Rusmir to field a five-man defence, featuring replacements Vlatko Bellc, playing his first game of the season, and Slobodan Stojcicki, playing his first full game ever for the senior team. Stojcicki was a resounding success — cool and calm under pressure, and tireless despite the heat.

The formation meant that J.U.S.T. had only a two man midfield — Zoran Ilioski and Slobodan Jovanovic — battling against overwhelming odds, as their Makedonia counter-

parts, Peter Boyle and Alan Whittle, supported by full back Ijube Petrovski, played 'out of their skins.'

Although Rusmir remains caretaker coach of J.U.S.T., there was talk at the ground that Rocco Ilio may be called back. Ilio apparently works with J.U.S.T. team manager Robert Critkovic and a number of players, including Milan Kojic and Zdravko Lujic.

An enthusiastic crowd of almost 5000 turned up at Schintler Reserve to watch this match in heat of over 30 degrees. Despite the hot conditions however, some of the players showed remarkable energy.

Makedonia had most of the midfield play, due to Boyle and Whittle, but found it difficult to get past the packed J.U.S.T. defence.

In fact, Bruno Cozzella had two chances to score for J.U.S.T. defence.

In fact, Bruno Cozzella had two chances to score for J.U.S.T. against the general run of play.

He kicked badly the first time, then he had a good shot brilliantly saved by Wilson.

Similarly, Gary Ward should have put Makedonia ahead in the 51st minute, but he missed at close range.

Graham Fox, the new left back from Ballinacorney in Ireland, played his first game for Makedonia and looks extremely capable. However he wilted in the heat and eventually was replaced by Steve Beech, who played with his customary dash.

Ward eventually notched the winning goal after Doug Brown had beaten men on a run down the left and squared the ball.

Boland saved another shot by Ward and then also plucked a Ward header out of the air before deflecting a good shot by Flavell over the top.

MARANGONI OFF, NEW MEN FOR BERGERS



Craig Mackenzie

Heidelberg 2 Adelaide C 1

Scorers: Cole, Campbell (H), Northcote (AC).
Ground: Olympic Park.
Crowd: about 2500.
Cautions: Paton (H), Manou (AC).

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 7 — McMillan 8, Yzenboorn 8, Macleod 7, Yankos 8, Selamids 6, Taylor 6, Rooney 6 — Campbell 9, Paton 6, Cole 7.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENUS: Ferguson 9 — Russell 8, Flounders 8, Marocchi 8, Dods 7 — Manou 6 (Villani 73rd), Marangoni 7 (sent off 83rd), Mella 6, J. Nykhus 7 — Northcote 8, Mitchell 8.

Two new faces, fresh from the professional world of English League Football, soon could be seen in Heidelberg colors.

Coach Len McKendry wouldn't name the pair, both 19, one a forward the other a midfielder, but he confirmed that he had been in touch with them late last week and that both youngsters were keen to join Heidelberg.

Adelaide City's import, former English youth sweeper Neil Banfield, ex-Crystal Palace, is due to arrive today (Wednesday) then "the books will be closed", to use the words of City coach Bob D'Ottavi.

The affable D'Ottavi, once tempers had cooled in the after-match atmosphere, went to talk to referee Jim Fearn and was told that City's Italian import Sergio Marangoni, given his marching orders late in the game, was sent off allegedly for spitting at Gary Cole. Marangoni had different ideas. I followed the dis-

appointed midfielder into the City dressing room after he was sent off.

"Gary Cole hit me here with his elbow," said Marangoni, pointing to his throat.

"I push him, then referee come to me and send me off. I never say anything to referee. I don't know why he sent me off."

The sending off of Marangoni seemed to spark City into a desperate last few minutes of pressure. Indeed, with almost the last kick of the game, a blinding drive from Gary Marocchi, the visitors went within inches of equalising. Only the positional sense and quick reactions of John Yzenboorn preserved Heidelberg's one-goal lead. The Heidelberg sweeper headed Marocchi's drive from off the goal line.

The home side went behind for the first time in about 30 matches when David Mitchell wriggled past two opponents on the right, then squared for Brian Northcote to shoot the visitors into a 21st minute lead.

Heidelberg's character was put under the microscope for only eight minutes.

That was when John Yzenboorn won back possession near the half line, passed to Jim Campbell who sent Cole through into a one-on-one with goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson, and neatly slotted the ball in.

Ferguson made a couple of superb saves in the second half but he must take part of the blame for the decisive Heidelberg goal.

He stood as if transfixed on his line as Ken Taylor's corner came swerving over to the far post for Jim Campbell to head home.

In Ferguson's defence it must be said that he kept the scoreline tight when he parried a stunning Campbell drive then spread himself well at Cole's feet and recovered quickly enough to smother Campbell who had followed up well to pounce on the rebound.

Glen Dods, playing his first game of the season with City, was given a roasting by Campbell in the second half.

That's no denigration of the talent of Dods, just an accolade for the best attacking



Sergio Marangoni

— sent off

midfielder in Australia at present.

Campbell was here, there and everywhere against Adelaide City.

The timing of his runs off the ball were precise, his ability to find space in the attacking third uncanny, and his goal touch is a big plus for the Bergers this year.

Adelaide City played with four in midfield, trying to blanket Heidelberg in this area. The tactic proved fairly successful, more so from Heidelberg giving the ball away far too easily.

"Our midfield was a problem, in the first half especially," said McKendry.

"Our two main errors though were the lack of accuracy in our passing and our inability to take a far higher percentage of chances."

"The depth in the squad must be improved. We were interested in Gary Byrne, Eddie Krncevic and George Christopoulos but clubs nowadays talk in telephone numbers as far as transfer prices are concerned."

Adelaide City, with the addition of Banfield, will keep its present squad intact. Coach D'Ottavi ruled out the possibility of a big name guest player coming to the club this year.

"We fell down in midfield against Heidelberg," said D'Ottavi.

"With Banfield here and once Bugsy Nykhus gets over his injury I'll probably push Dods into midfield."

"Believe it or not I have a team to get into the top four of the Philips League. I think the results will start to come soon. We played far better against Heidelberg than we did against Newcastle the previous week."

"The second half of the season should be very good for us."

"Heidelberg is a very good team. They play good soccer. You know what they are going to do but it doesn't matter that much because they do it so effectively."

"Don't worry about Adelaide City. We will come good."

Brennan stars, Lions lucky

Canberra 2 Bris Lions 2

Scorers: Can - Valeri, Brennan; BL - Millman, Williamson.
CANBERRA: Hoszowski 6, Ambrosino 8, T. Byrne 8, Milovanovic 6, G. Byrne 7, MacLaren 7, Stone 7, Valeri 7, Brennan 8, Gibson 7.

BRISBANE: Lownds 7, Niven 7, Bennett 7, Tuttle 7, McKinnings 7, Hogg 8, MacLenn 7, Williamson 7, Millman 8, Daunt 7 (Ferris 70th), Low 7.

Referee: Bob Moo
Crowd: 2,250.
Cautions: MacLean

Canberra, for the second week in a row, allowed defensive lapses to rob them of maximum points when Brisbane Lions scrambled to an undeserved 2-2 draw at Bruce Stadium last Sunday.

Canberra was so clearly the better side.



Peter Windsor

And this despite the absence of forward Ian Purdie and dynamic defender, Paul Ontong.

In the last-minute resultant reshuffle Canberra's coach George Murray brought Walter Valeri back into attack and gave ex-AIS youngster Jim Murray the chance to make his PSL debut.

And the solidly built, blond-haired youngster took his chance like a veteran.

The first half had everything, even a missed penalty.

It came in the 22nd minute after Brisbane's full-back Alan

Niven had upended Canberra's Don MacLaren.

Valeri took it — and incredibly blasted the ball a foot or so wide of the post.

Valeri, however, deserved full marks for putting the miss behind him and fighting back. It showed the inner courage of the man.

Brennan's explosive speed against his old club was causing havoc — particularly when he used it for forays down either wing.

It was from one such incident in the 35th minute that finally Canberra went ahead. Brennan's cross from the right cut out goalkeeper Nigel Lownds and Valeri was on the spot to head into an empty net.

With but two minutes remaining of the half the same two players combined to set up and finish Canberra's second. Valeri crossed and this time Brennan chested the ball into the net.

Only in the 78th minute did Brisbane lift themselves off the ground after a Billy Williamson free-kick had smashed against Canberra's crossbar.

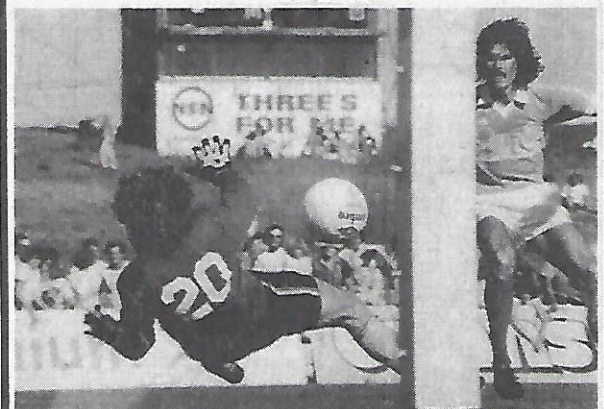
In the 81st minute a long clearance more by good luck than good management found front-runner Ron Millman.

Millman took the chance well although Canberra's goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski perhaps committed himself far too early for Millman to do no more than chip the ball over his head and into an empty net.

Still Canberra looked set to take maximum points but Williamson put paid to that just five minutes from the final whistle.

Replacement forward Bobby Ferris (for Daunt) saw Williamson free on the right and Williamson was able to squeeze the ball just inside of the upright.

THIS MATCH WILL DECIDE WHO IS AUSTRALIA'S BEST TEAM



Murray Barnes scoring — will this be the case on Sunday?

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West Adel. 0 Syd. City 2

Scorers: Kosmina 65th, Cant 60th
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium
Crowd: 4,230
Weather: Warm
Referee: Ken Allen (Canberra) 7
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7 — McGregor 6, McCachey 8, Dunn 8, Totalsas 6, Doorne 7, Both 6, Honeyman 6 — Meneses (Maricic 10th) 7, Hay 7.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7 — Cant 7, Robertson 7, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7 — Petkas 7, Spanos 8, Barnes 8 — Watson 7 (Mullen 67th), Kosmina 8, Murray 9.

Adrian Santarc had a goal disallowed in the fifth minute when he hit an unattainable shot past Todd Clarke from 30 metres and five minutes later Meneses pulled a hamstring and left the field.

This further depleted West which started the game

But worse was to come. Just 10 minutes after half time, centre back Robbie Dunn played a weak back pass to Martyn Crook and John Kosmina pounced onto it and slammed it into the top far corner.

West's midfield did not function well and only teenager David Doorne competed for the entire match.

The most interesting battle of the match took place between Kosmina and West centre back Robbie Dunn.

But Kosmina was not the destroyer in this match. That title must go to Willie Murray who gave Ian McGregor a nightmare in the first half.

Sydney City wrapped the game up five minutes after Kosmina's goal when Jim Cant swept up a loose ball at a time when West's defence had lost concentration and allowed the ball into an open goal.



Meno Toutsidis

By
**CRAIG
MACKENZIE**

After all the ups and downs, Barton hits form and Marton benefits

St George's exciting young striker Mark Barton was on the brink of swapping a soccer ball for a surf-board until Frank Arok came along and gave Barton a chance to establish himself in the first team.

Now the Barton-Des Marton combination grows in stature as every PSL game passes. It wasn't always so.

Displeasure over "big name" South American imports being given a chance ahead of him and a verbal clash with former coach Raul Blanco almost convinced Barton that Bondi beach was better than St. George Stadium.

But the St George club has been a home away from home for the boy who signed with the Saints when he was 14.

That was after a seven-year stint with local club Lakemba which started in the under 7's. An old bloke called "Pop" Gould set the groundwork for the development of Barton as a PSL player.

"There weren't many people around at the time who taught the basic skills of the game. 'Pop' taught me the basics and even now he comes along to some of the St George games to see how I'm getting on."

Lakemba played in the Canterbury District Leagues and Barton represented Canterbury District in the State championships. He wasn't keen on what he describes as "silly political problems to do with Lakemba".

That's a reference to representing Canterbury District in the State championships and having to stay at Orange, the championship venue, a week longer than expected.

"When we returned to Lakemba we were ac-

cused of tramping around the state because having to stay away an extra week meant that we missed out on an important league game.

"I wanted to get away. In those days the parents were always pushing their boys too much. In fact the parents ran the show at Lakemba."

"St George was a revelation."

"There were so many professional people there and the facilities were marvellous. Geoff Bird was my coach when I joined the St. George juniors. He had a lot of faith in me and he kept me going until I was 16 and moved on into our Third Grade side. It took me about two years to establish myself in Third Grade."

"I had my first PSL game in 1977 again Western Suburbs. Since then I've had a smattering of games, a few more each year, but this really is the first year that I've established myself in the seniors."

The teenage Barton was surrounded by some of the most famous names in St George's history. The Schaefer and Warrens were there but the torch which glowed throughout the time when St George was the best team in Australia, had started to dim.

"The club didn't seem to be fully behind the team in the latter half of the 70's. Too many people were living on memories and the committee seemed to concentrate upon the building of its new stadium. The depth of the senior squad needed to be rebuilt but it wasn't," he says.

Joe Vlasits, Ilija Takac, Joe Gelei and Raul Blanco were the first team coaches before Frank Arok took over.

"Vlasits had picked me in a junior State team earlier in my career. At the time he told me that I was playing schoolboy football. He must have thought I'd be improved a bit when he gave me a run in St. George's first team. He got good results with St. George and everyone respected him."

"I didn't have much to do with Takac. After the early games I couldn't get into the firsts. There were a couple of South Americans here, Carlos Mendez and Roberto Echeverria, and I felt uneasy about playing with them. To be honest, we younger guys didn't think that they put much effort into their game. They just wouldn't run for you."

"I became really downhearted. I was in the Second Grade team at the time and if it hadn't been for Tibor Zuckerman, our coach, I would have given the game away."

"He encouraged me to stay. He said that I just have to do everything better to get into the first team. I'd even lost interest in training but Zuckerman kept at me, telling me that I have to keep going, that my chance would come again to prove myself."

The following season, 1980, was a body blow to the once mighty St. George. The club was relegated from the PSL into the NSW State League, the scene of St. George's greatest triumphs.

However, optimism ran high at the start of the 1980 season.

"Gelei was a Hungarian and the club had high hopes for him. But we still were relying too heavily on players who had been doing the job for too long. There was a

feeling among the players that they were on their own, especially when results were bad.

Everyone tried to do the right thing by Gelei. We knew that he had a good understanding of football but he had a few language problems. Frankly, he found it hard to get his point across."

"Half-way through the season Blanco took over. I'll never forget the first night he held training."

"We had heard that he had set ideas about soccer and we knew that he had been very successful with Melita Eagles in the State League."

"He gave us a verbal hiding that first night. He told us that we were unfit and that he would get a shot-gun out and get rid of a lot of the players. That frightened some guys into performing."

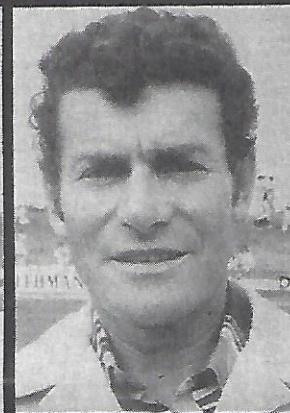
"I was one of the first to drop out of the seniors when Blanco came. He said that we needed experience and he told me



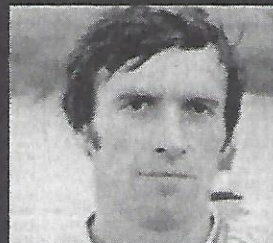
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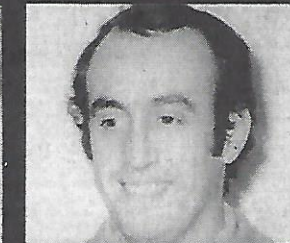
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that I was out of the first team squad."

"We had a few words with each other and he put me in the reserves for the rest of the season."

"When things went really bad Arok came."

"I'd have to say that Frank Arok probably is the best coach that I've played under. He knows what he wants and how to get it. He demands things from players, not asks. The big thing about Arok is that you know exactly where you stand with him."

"As soon as the game finishes he's the nicest person you could meet but he can be like a demon during the game. Just the other night at training he said he was a madman when we were playing. At the game's end though, he's a gentleman."

When St George was relegated from the PSL most pundits predicted many years of ignominy ahead of the once famous Hungarian-sponsored club. They hadn't reckoned on the magic touch of Arok and the drive and enthusiasm of the committee.

"I think that being relegated was the best thing that could have happened to St. George. Playing in the NSW State League gave me a

chance to build up my confidence and we developed a togetherness in the first team squad which still is with us. We got to know and appreciate Frank Arok last year and he hasn't really changed even though we now play in a much higher standard."

The quickness of opposing defences was what took me by surprise when we started playing this year in the PSL.

"For the first 10 minutes of our first game against Canberra I stood waiting for the ball to come to me but it was long gone by the time I stuck out my foot to control it. I thought, my God, what's happening here? But you soon adjust."

Barton has done much more than merely adjust to PSL soccer. He's been something of a minor revelation to date, alongside goal machine Des Marton.

"As far as English goes Des and I have very little understanding. Don't get me wrong, though. If I don't deliver the ball to Des where he wants it he somehow finds the words to tell me what he thinks."

"A player of his class gives me a lot of confidence. His composure in front of goal is what impresses me most about him. I hope to

learn to be similarly composed."

"We are aiming to consolidate St. George as a PSL club. Secretly though I reckon the committee harbors top four ambitions."

"I'll be happy as long as we keep winning."

"There's no club in Australia to compare with St. George. I think that once I'm finished with St. George then I'll be finished with soccer."

"It's long been an ambition of mine to be club captain at St. George. Let's hope that I fulfill that ambition in years to come."

St George may not win the 1982 PSL championship. It seems a trifle unrealistic to expect St. George's resurgence to reach its zenith in so short a time. Barton sees South Melbourne Hellas, Sydney City and Heidelberg as the teams to beat this year.

"I fancy South Melbourne, a very strong and capable side, to do the job and win the title."

"APIA Leichhardt's riding high at the moment but I think they'll run out of steam quite quickly. Then they'll start to struggle."

Meanwhile it's opposition defences that are struggling when confronted by the Barton-Marton duo.

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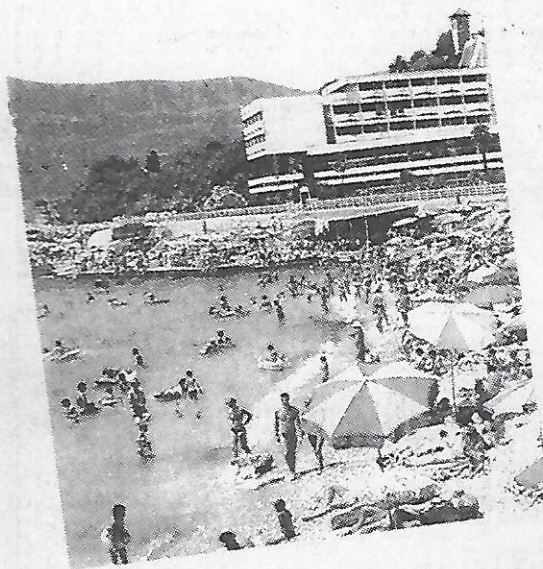


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Mighty Melita. Yugal surprises

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Melita Eagles took the top spot in the NSW State League following their 5-1 win over JM United at Melita Stadium. It was the most impressive display by any side in the first round, and one which should certainly sound a word of warning to other contenders for the NSW title.

Blacktown Demons suffered a setback in the opening minutes of the game at the Gabbie, but came back to win comfortably, while Croatia survived some anxious first half moments before going past Avala with two second half goals at King Tomislav stadium.

Sutherland took two points at Francis Park with a 2-0 scoreline. It was a happy return for Peter Beggs to Sutherland who scored the first goal and was the tormenter of the Auburn defence throughout the game.

Manly defeated Polonia 3-0, but had it taken its chances the result might have been an embarrassing one for the visitors to Cromer Park. At the other end of town Canterbury had to fight hard to keep one point against a spirited Rockdale Ilinden, while Yugal surprised all and sundry by reversing a recent 2-0 defeat at the hands of Riverwood to run out 3-2 winners.

It was the only surprise result of the round and one which should serve notice to other State League clubs - Yugal has no intention of walking back to First Division as quickly as they came in.

Sutherland 2 Auburn 0

Scorers: Beggs, Bush.
AUBURN: Vernon, McInerney, Bielby, Prpmelja, Sullivan, (Hardwick 86), McDonald, Quigley, Dale, Grive, Turner (Pondakas 79), Carney.

Canterbury 1 Rockdale 1

Scorers: Can: Theodoropoulos; Rock: Sultana. CANTERBURY: Elzein, Pseudikononou, Tittles, Lane, Mikiokio, Anagnostopoulos, Batarfield, Vassiliou, Arnold, Brown, Theodoropoulos. (Binios).

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Katzhompos, Matheson, O'Rourke, Graham, Martin, Pivlovski, Trajanovski, Tuntaski, Sultana, A. Battalico, Mikiokio. Rockdale Ilinden, beaten only a week ago by Yugal (6-1) in a friendly at Barton Park was written off as a chance in its match against Canterbury, yet at the end of this game at Arlington Oval it was the Berries who must consider themselves lucky to get away with a point.



"I could score goals with my eyes closed," seems to be the message from smiling John Lombryk.

'Worst Ampol Cup ever,' says Atti Abonyi

Canterbury 2 Riverwood 0

Scorers: Vassiliou, Brown. RIVERWOOD: Lachowicz (Gisbourne), McGrory, Dobson, Forrester, Rada, Juchnick, Cootes, Mikiokio, Murray, Roystrand (Brennan), Fisher.

St George started the trend of playing in this year's Ampol Cup with their second grade team, then others followed. The last match in group A between Riverwood and Canterbury, the match which had no bearing on the final placings at the top of this group, was again without many first graders.

In fact, Dobson apart, the whole of the Riverwood first grade team, including illustrious coach, Atti Abonyi was missing!

A number of Canterbury players were missing. All those interviewed about the reasons for the non-appearance of the first graders are united in their reply: "We

would not like to risk our top team so close to Sunday. Why didn't we play this game on Wednesday?"

Atti Abonyi, the star of many an Australian national team game, had plenty to say about this Ampol Cup competition. "This is the worst Ampol Cup competition I have ever been involved in," said Abonyi.

Asked about the non-appearance of the first graders, Abonyi was clear: "It is so close to the first round of the State League cup, I couldn't risk my top players in a game which really meant nothing to either team. This game could have been scratched altogether and no-one would have complained. But if they wanted to play, then why not Wednesday. It would allow us to treat small injuries and get ready for Sunday's State League matches."

"Just look at the crowds. It is deplorable! There is practically no information in the media about the Cup, or any

NEW SOUTH WALES STATE LEAGUE
BLACKTOWN 3 (Selvage, Wheatley, Kirwan) d BANKSTOWN 1 (Gilligan) at Toongabbie.
CANTERBURY 1 (Theodoropoulos) drew with ROCKDALE 1 (Sultana), at Arlington.
CROATIA 2 (Pagano, Trenter) d AVALA 0, at Tomislav Park.
YUGAL 3 (Mihajlovic 2, Rodas) d RIVERWOOD 2 (Jones, Tracey), at Concord.
SUTHERLAND 2 (Beggs, Bush) d AUBURN 0 at Francis Park.
MANLY 3 (R. Stuart 2, Regan) d POLONIA 0, at Cromer Park.
MELITA EAGLES 5 (Williams, Farrugia, Vial, Budini, Allan) d UNITED 1 (Jones) at Melita Stadium.

THIS WEEK SATURDAY 20TH MARCH, 1982 1ST DIVISION
Fairy Meadow v Warragah Narrabeen (Police Boys' Ground)
Gladesville Ravens v Penrith United (Peel Park)

SUNDAY 21ST MARCH, 1982
COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE
Rockdale Ilinden Inter v Blacktown City (St George Stadium)
Melita Eagles v Bankstown City (Melita Stadium)
Avala v Cant-Mville Oly. (Knight Park)
Riverwood v Croatia Sydney (Soccer Centre)
Sutherland Shire v SSC Yugal (Seymour Shaw Park)
Polonia v Auburn (Chopin Park)
JM United v Manly Warringah (Marco Polo Oval)

2ND DIVISION - UMBRO CUP FINAL
Loser of 1 v 3 v Winner of 2 v 4 (Popondetta Park 1.15pm)
Winner of 1 v 3 v Winner of 2 v 4 (Popondetta Park 3.00pm)

Ross Brown headed Canterbury into the lead midway through the first half, but Sultana evened the score with 80 minutes of the game gone to close the scoring sheet for the afternoon, but both sets of forwards missed some easy opportunities in front of goal largely due to slippery conditions which provided more than a problem for most players.

Blacktown 3 Bankstown 1

Scorers: Black: Selvage, Wheatley, Kirwan; Banks: Gilligan.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS: James, Wheatley, Quarmby, Brogan, Painter, Selva, Houssini, Krstic, (Rasmussen 64), Jones (Schoinfulf 78), Johnson, Kirwan.

BANKSTOWN CITY: Lohman, Blackburn, Rootsey, Johnson (Radovic 46) Paul Jones, Wilmot, Dolton, Drain, Siret, Nocera, Gilligan.

Mike Johnson, the Bankstown coach, came out of retirement for this opening match of the 1982, to play in a defensive role, but could not help his team from going to Rale Rasic's Demons at the Gabbie Stadium.

In fact, Johnson replaced himself at half time when the scoreline read Blacktown 3, Bankstown 1, but no further scoring took place in the second half as Blacktown sauntered through the second half with very little enthusiasm.

Bret Gilligan shot Bankstown into a surprise lead after only six minutes, but Paul Kirwan equalised for the Demons in the 18th. Robert Wheatley, the young Soccer, scored a great goal in the 27th minute, picking up the ball some 25 metres from goal then unleashing a superb drive which almost tore out the net.

Stuart Selvage was at the end of a fine move by the Demons in the 34th minute to make it 3-1 and secure the first points for the season.

Yugal 3 Riverwood 2
Scorers: Yugal: Mihajlovic 2, Rodas; Riverwood: Jones, Tracey.

YUGAL: Berry, Rendell, Cummings, McIntosh, Clark (Stanning), Augustino, Borack (McGrath), Mihajlovic, Rodas, Rodas, Tuntaski.

RIVERWOOD: Lachowicz, Berry, Dobson, Butcher, Smith, Kumsa, Parker, Tracey, Murray, Stoddart, Jones.



Avala: standing from left: Steve Lalic (coach), Wotton, Vujinovic, Brizuela, Barton, Lembyrk, Milne, G. Fernandez.
Front row: S. Deller, Djuricic, Ahrens, Gogic, Nedlic, Kodor.
Not in the picture: Patterson and Williams.

Yugal returned to the State League of NSW with a first-up win over Riverwood at Concord Oval largely due to some good shooting by stalwart Tomy Mihajlovic.

Following Terry Jones's goal (straight from a corner kick), Yugal came back to equalise through Mihajlovic. As Lachowicz came out to meet the Yugal forward, Mihajlovic neatly bent the ball around the keeper to find the net.

Mihajlovic put Yugal ahead after 14 minutes of the second half following another freakish goal from the corner kick, but Soddart levelled from a well-taken penalty.

However Yugal was not to be denied and came back to snatch a winner through an enterprising Patrick Rodas in the 70th minute.

Manly 3 Polonia 0

Scorers: R. Stuart 2, Regan.

Manly: Ellis, K. Falconer, Doyle, Dick, Goughan, Noble, Jack, P. Falconer, Smith, (75) Chapman, Regan, Stuart.

POLONIA: Kellinowski, Fowler, Brzostowski, Gross, Gals, Gierowski, Divani, Sooke, Vianowski, Sobczyk, (Lasek 68), Dickson, (Foster 60).

Manly Warringah continued its sparkling pre-season form to easily defeat Polonia at Cromer Park by 3-0. Manly managed to keep an "even keel" for the first 20

minutes, but from then on Manly showed far more creativity and far more shooting power.

Stuart broke through on the right flank to score in the 32nd minute, then repeated the dose in the 37th after Kallinowski managed to block a shot by Terry Smith.

Soon after the start of the second half Manly went further ahead through Regan. Doyle jumped high to head down for Regan and the shot followed to have Kallinowski beaten yet again.

Polonia came back after that goal for a short period but the last 20 minutes were dominated again by Manly. Only Galas and Kallinowski stood between Manly and a crashing win, with Kallinowski certainly the man responsible for keeping the scoreline respectable.

Melita 5 JM United 1

Scorers: Melita: Williams, Farrugia, Vial, Budini, Allan; JM: Jones.

MELITA: Luxford, McCoy, Cabon, Daley, J. Battalico, Farrugia, Williams, Cross, Allan, Jamieson, Vial (Boudini 62).

J.M. UNITED: Caputo, Kavalova, De Angeles, Santolin, McLutchey, Blackburn, Lawler, Tullawa (Borulinshki), Link, Jones, Doberty.

Melita eagles, played some scintillating stuff at Melita Stadium to completely demolish J. M. United at Melita Stadium.

Melita's form in recent Ampol Cup games was somewhat short of expectations thus the anxiety in the Melita camp before this match, but goals by Williams, Farrugia and Vial soon rased all the doubt about Melita's intentions for 1982.

Say Boudini replaced Vial in the 62nd minute and with his first touch of the ball scored to make it 4-1, then Don Allan chimed in to complete the scoreline.

Jones scored for J. M. United.

Croatia 2 Avala 0

Scorers: Croatia, Trenter. AVALA: Ahrens, Fernandez, Deller, Barton, Gogic, Djuricic, Nedlic (Kodor), Patterson, Lembyrk, Vujinovic (Milne), Karanfilovski.

Two second half goals enabled Croatia to defeat Avala before the best soccer crowd of the day at King Tomislav Park.

Some 4500 people braved the rain to watch this local derby and they were rewarded with a pretty good show. Avala missed some early chances through Karanfilovski and Lembyrk then conceded two goals after some simple defensive errors in the second half.

Pagano and Trenter gave this huge crowd a lot to smile about and show that despite a loss of a coach and a few key players Croatia still is in the hunt for another State League title.

Santrac hat-trick, Italians to clash

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

WEST ADELAIDE 4 (Santrac 5th, 25th, 76th, Manecan 55th) PARA HILLS 1 (Mitchell 32nd)

CROATIA 4 (Palaka 15th, Hard 27th, Lesan 32nd, Blute 75th) NOARLUNGE 1 (Sullivan 52nd)

Adrian Santrac completed his hat-trick with four minutes left (the 50th goal of the competition) against Para Hills to send West Adelaide into tonight's (Wednesday's) Ampol Cup semi-final against Croatia at Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium.

West overpowered Para Hills 4-1 which was just enough to edge out Beograd on goal difference in second place in group B.

Meanwhile, Adelaide City Juventus takes on Azzurri in the all-Italian semi-final in the late game at Hindmarsh tonight.

West Adelaide needed a minimum three-goal winning margin against Para Hills to have any hope of qualifying for tonight's semi-finals.

Alan Vest's men are improving in every match and with last Sunday's Sydney City match under their belts, Croatia's involvement in the Cup should come to an abrupt halt.

In the late game, Adelaide City will find Azzurri a determined opponent.

If City can not shake off its recent poor form, Azzurri could upset it. However, David Mitchell's skill, pace and aggression should frighten the life out of Azzurri's defence which will know has been in a match.

| GROUP A | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|---|-----|
| Croatia | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 6 |
| Adelaide City | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 4 |
| Port Adelaide | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 2 |
| Noarlunge | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 0 |

| GROUP B | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Azzurri | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| West Adel | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| Beograd | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Para Hills | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 0 |

SCORERS
4 - Marocchi (Adel City)
3 - Santrac (West Adel), Belczuk (Azzurri), Cagliano, Blute (Croatia), Northcote, Viliand (Adel City)
2 - Calandaris, Konstantopoulos (Port), Sullivan (Noarlunge), Arsenine (Beograd).
1 - Hays, Brennan, Manecan (West Adel), Lesan, Palaka, Hard, Metulic, Retich (Croatia), Marangoni, Nykholov (Adel City), Leone, Evans, Stoyko (Beograd), Fay, Dunn (Noarlunge), Smith, Manolev, Francis (Azzurri), Pangila, Morla (Port).

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Melita 3 Olympic 1

Melita Stadium
Scorers: Williams, Allan, Cross (Melita), Hajitoffi (S. Olympic)

MELITA: O'Neill, McCoy, Cabon, Battalico, Daley, Cross, Jamieson, Farrugia, Williams, Alan, Vial.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, G. Akouttas, Kelly, McKean, Nocera, Vdourakis, Joannidis, Knight, Hajitoffi, Townsend, Ristovski (Colasic-cni).

Two sad misses by Gary Meier during the first half saw Melita go to a 2-0 lead against the Sydney Olympic youth side.

The first came from a Richie Williams' corner which went through Gary Meier's hands and straight into the net. The second came close to half time when Meier misjudged the flight of the ball and let it slip through his hands yet again for Allan to make it 2-0.

Young Hajitoffi cut Melita's lead to 2-1, with a good drive from some 16 metres, then two Olympians failed to clear, allowing Micky Cross to slam the third goal for Melita and seal their win.

It was an entertaining game in which Melita just held the advantage over an enthusiastic youth team of Sydney Olympic.

"It might have been a different story had Meier held those two crosses in the first half," said Olympic's youth team coach Ljubo Gogovic. "But it must add that despite those errors by our keeper we had enough chances to remedy the situation," added Ljubo.

The words "hard luck," so often heard after a loss, sounded hollow against the backdrop of Olympic's refusal to put their top side in this game.

Melita could not claim victory despite a 3-1 win, simply because they did not play the Sydney Olympic first team, while Olympic could hardly be satisfied with second position

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| | Number of Clubs | Number of Clubs in First Division | Number of Teams in Championships or other competitions (all categories) | Number of Registered Players: Professional and Non-Amateur Category | Other Categories | Total Players | Number of Registered Referees: Superior Category | Other Categories | Total Referees | Population of whole country | Population of the capital | Capacity of the National Stadium |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|------------------|---------------|--|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Algeria | 780 | 14 | 2,607 | — | 58,567 | 58,567 | 48 | 1,050 | 1,098 | 18,000,000 | 2,500,000 | 80,000 |
| Argentina | 3,035 | 975 | 17,474 | 65,706 | 240,658 | 306,365 | 1,021 | 3,472 | 4,494 | 27,000,000 | 3,500,000 | — |
| Austria | 1,971 | 10 | 8,223 | 780 | 286,220 | 287,000 | 93 | 1,800 | 1,893 | 7,457,000 | 1,614,000 | 69,996 |
| Belgium | 3,320 | 18 | 14,400 | 1,074 | 282,886 | 283,960 | 7 | 6,653 | 6,660 | 9,863,374 | 1,000,221 | 62,000 |
| Brazil | 12,877 | 213 | 30,631 | 15,376 | 535,982 | 551,358 | 325 | 4,800 | 5,125 | 119,051,500 | 1,176,800 | 200,000 |
| Cameroon | 200 | 16 | 264 | — | 9,328 | 9,328 | 48 | 400 | 448 | 7,081,000 | 280,000 | 50,000 |
| Chile | 4,598 | 16 | 18,900 | 694 | 609,030 | 609,724 | 14 | 5,734 | 5,748 | 11,294,088 | 4,372,711 | 74,159 |
| Czechoslovakia | 5,919 | 16 | 5,366 | — | 541,379 | 541,379 | 646 | 9,688 | 10,332 | 16,000,000 | 1,200,000 | 60,000 |
| England | 40,000 | 22 | 40,000 | 5,000 | 1,545,000 | 1,550,000 | 5,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 56,000,000 | 8,000,000 | 100,000 |
| France | 20,938 | 20 | 52,000 | 832 | 1,429,847 | 1,430,679 | 89 | 18,943 | 18,912 | 52,000,000 | 2,317,227 | 50,000 |
| Germany FR | 18,987 | 18 | 125,046 | 732 | 4,402,679 | 4,403,411 | 116 | 57,624 | 57,740 | 63,300,000 | 285,000 | — |
| Honduras | 550 | 100 | 550 | 1,800 | 13,500 | 15,300 | 70 | 480 | 550 | 4,000,000 | 600,000 | 50,000 |
| Hungary | 2,503 | 18 | 5,424 | — | 143,675 | 143,675 | 70 | 4,600 | 4,670 | 10,713,000 | 2,064,000 | 70,000 |
| Northern Ireland | 1,555 | 12 | 1,145 | 258 | 23,900 | 24,158 | 16 | 406 | 422 | 1,547,300 | 345,800 | 50,000 |
| Italy | 19,084 | 16 | 30,618 | 23,383 | 998,647 | 1,022,030 | 155 | 15,072 | 15,227 | 54,134,846 | 3,500,000 | 90,000 |
| Kuwait | 14 | 14 | 28 | — | 1,528 | 1,528 | 5 | 53 | 58 | 1,400,000 | 250,000 | — |
| New Zealand | 312 | 12 | 3,098 | 102 | 52,867 | 52,969 | 14 | 500 | 514 | 2,788,123 | 300,000 | — |
| Peru | 10,000 | 16 | 10,800 | 650 | 325,000 | 325,650 | 8 | 4,220 | 4,228 | 18,500,000 | 4,500,000 | 45,000 |
| Poland | 5,334 | 16 | 11,343 | — | 234,052 | 234,052 | 81 | 7,244 | 7,325 | 36,000,000 | 1,600,000 | 87,000 |
| El Salvador | 944 | 12 | 851 | 2,775 | 18,519 | 21,294 | 34 | 522 | 556 | 4,650,000 | 630,000 | 60,000 |
| Scotland | 5,479 | 10 | 10,000 | 4,000 | 126,000 | 130,000 | 193 | 1,510 | 1,703 | 5,200,000 | 465,429 | 88,000 |
| Spain | 7,581 | 18 | 7,581 | 2,309 | 316,083 | 318,392 | 512 | 5,441 | 5,953 | 35,400,000 | 3,612,000 | — |
| USSR | 51,299 | 16 | 199 | — | 4,372,000 | 4,372,000 | 360 | 153,200 | 153,560 | 266,560,000 | 8,100,000 | 100,000 |
| Yugoslavia | 4,289 | 18 | 10,755 | 963 | 229,442 | 230,406 | 500 | 8,667 | 10,167 | 22,352,000 | 1,360,000 | — |

Mundial credentials Masny stays home

Czechoslovakia included a number of newcomers in its touring party of 18 players which played Argentina and Brazil in South America. Experienced players such as Vojacek, Bl-covsky and Masny have been left at home. The Czechs, who are in the same World Cup group as England, France and Kuwait, played Brazil in Sao Paulo, and Argentina in Buenos Aires last week.

Bordeaux is the new leader in France by one point from St Etienne. Bordeaux, boasting such internationals as Tigana, Tresor, Giresse and Lacombe, beat Tours 2-1. Tigana scored with a long range effort from 30 metres while Kourichi, the Algerian international, scored the winner with a header. St Etienne led Lille 1-0 after Platini scored early in the second half but Muslin got a late equaliser for Lille. Monaco is level with St Etienne on points after beating Valenciennes 3-1.

Juventus leads the Italian league on goals difference from Fiorentina. Juventus beat Cagliari 1-0 with a goal by Tardelli. Dino Zoff celebrated his 40th birthday by keeping a clean sheet in this match. Fiorentina defeated Avellino 2-1, one of its scorers being the Argentine international, Daniel Bertoni.

PSV Eindhoven still leads Ajax in Holland. Alkmaar got a real shock, however, when it was beaten 4-1 by Go Ahead Eagles of Deventer.

In the Jawaharlal Nehru Gold Cup series being played in Calcutta, in India, the home team beat Yugoslavia 2-1 while Uruguay beat Italy 3-2 to reach the final.

Bayern Munich leads in West Germany from Borussia Moenchengladbach. Hamburg and Cologne are behind in third and fourth places respectively. Bayern defeated Eintracht Braunschweig 3-1. Borussia Moenchengladbach surprisingly lost at home 1-0 to Borussia Dortmund, and Hamburg beat Eintracht Frankfurt 2-0 two weeks ago.

Poland will play Belgium in a World Cup warm-up match on April 26th.

— WALTER PLESS

ENGLISH CRISIS GETS WORSE, CRUYFF BACK FOR HOLLAND?

Hard on the heels of the Bristol City crisis six weeks ago when eight first team players accepted redundancy rather than see the club with over \$2.5 million in debts fold immediately, the extravagant spending and astronomical debts have caught up with another two English League sides that have been offered for sale — lock, stock and barrel.

Hull City, losing around \$17,000 a week and with staggering debts of \$1.3 mil. in the hands of the receiver and up for sale while the latest SOS comes from Halifax transfer listed all its 17 professionals and also offered the club for sale. Another crying wolf is Plymouth Argyle, losing \$8000 a week and with the prospect that \$450,000 injected into the club by a set of new directors in October will have disappeared by June.

Hull City's millionaire chairman Chris Needler who put up \$650,000 of his own money in an interest-free loan, has been told by his financial advisers to stop his money flow. The other \$650,000 debt is owed to the banks.

Hull's manager is Mike Smith, former national manager of Wales, who is reported to get \$80,000 a year with his chief coach, Cyril Lea getting \$40,000 a year and even youth coach Bobby Brown is reported to be paid \$30,000 a year.

The Yorkshire club, which tumbled from the Second Division to the Fourth Division in three years, once pulled in 55,000 fans at its Boothferry Park when it played Manchester City in the F.A. Cup in 1949. Today it is lucky to pull in 4000.

Halifax Town which has had to be re-elected to both the Third and Fourth divisions many times, has been kept going with \$130,000 in hand-outs from its wealthy chairman Sam Rorke who now says he will continue to pay its \$7500 a week wage bill and exes for only another three weeks.

Another Yorkshire side, it too is on the market for any bidder and has been getting gates of little over 1500 but in 1953 pulled in 36,885 when it played Spurs at Shay Ground in the F.A. Cup.

Plymouth Argyle which has been in the Second Division and is managed by former Newcastle and Scotland defender Bobby Moncur, is only



From JIM COOK our European correspondent

managing to attract home gates of less than 5000 yet in 1936 it had 43,596 for its Second Division match with Aston Villa. Argyle is to try to cut its professional staff from 23 to 16 immediately.

Many other clubs are in similar plight to Bristol City, Hull City, Halifax Town and Plymouth Argyle and as I predicted some time ago, some of the clubs may not figure on the league fixture lists for season 1982/83.

For the Football League, the Pools Promoters and the PFA have made it abundantly clear they won't be bailing out anyone suffering from self-inflicted injuries.

For 115 years Queens Park, the Scottish First Division side in its friendly against Scotland at Hampden Park, Glasgow on March 24. Cruyff, back with Ajax, last played for Holland in the World Cup in Argentina in 1978. He was on the losing side against Scotland then.

Alan Ball, 36, the former England striker still playing great stuff for Southampton, has passed his 70th league game in English soccer and becomes only the 10th member of the 700 Club.

Jim McLean, Scotland's highest-paid manager, has signed a contract with his club, Dundee United, which will tie him down for the rest of his career. McLean, a former top player who has made Dundee United respect- ed name in European soccer, becomes managing-director of the club.

Billy Bremner, 39, and man-

ager of Doncaster Rovers, recently fielded himself as sub in its game with Newport. Probably the wealthiest sub in soccer following his \$200,000 libel case win.

Northern Ireland players have ultimately settled their money claim after qualifying for the World Cup. The Northern Ireland F.A. has given them \$150,000 to split among themselves.

Scottish football suffered a great loss with the death of Hugh Nelson who was boss of the Scotland party which played three international matches in Australia in 1967. Hugh, a former chairman of Arbroath Football Club, was a past president of the Scottish Football Association, past president of the Scottish Football League, former member of the executive committee of UEFA and a member of the Scottish Sports Council.

He was 77, leaves a widow and two daughters and son Ian who played for Queens Park and Arbroath. A personal friend of mine for 35 years, he was aware of the CBE in 1974.

Jim Smith, recently sacked as manager of Birmingham, is the new boss of Oxford United

whose chief Ian Greaves recently took over with Wolves.

The National Dairy Council is to pour \$4 million sponsorship into the Football League Cup over the next four years.

John Toshack's Swansea City, determined to keep up its challenge for the First Division title has signed Crystal Palace striker and Welsh international star Ian Walsh for an undisclosed six figure fee.

Reports suggest that some of Scotland's top clubs are ready to rebel and form their own breakaway league after recent failures to bring in a new structure. Sparks could fly at the Scottish League AGM.

Willie Donachie, the former Manchester City and Scotland defender who joined Norwich City five months ago from Portland Timbers in America, has rejoined the NASL side for the same fee. And Willie Johnston, the former Scotland winger of Argentine fame, has been given a free transfer by Glasgow Rangers on condition he joins an American club. Johnston, now 35, hasn't played in the Rangers first team this year and is likely to rejoin Vancouver Whitecaps.

Talk is of UEFA organising a European competition for the ladies soccer sides. In England some 250 teams in 18 leagues play off on Sundays.

IT'S COLO COLO

COLO COLO won the 1981 Chilean first division title for the 13th time, but they did it by just the two bonus points obtained by winning a pre-season tournament.

Vicente Cobreloa, as a matter of fact, won a match more to finish with a 20-4 record against the champions' 19-8-3, both teams thus totalling 46 points in actual league play.

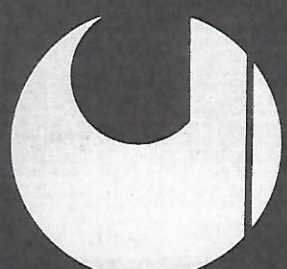
Colo Colo however finished as leading scorers with 63 goals — an average of over two per game in 30 — and the best defence with 22 goals against. Cobreloa were the defending champions who had been runners-up the year before (1979) when Colo Colo last won the title — which shows the recent dominance of Chilean soccer by these two clubs.

Cobreloa virtually lost their chance two weeks from the end when they went down 2-0 to Colo Colo in front of 71,000 fans at Santiago's national stadium with Carlos Cacerely — who finished up as league top scorer with 20 goals — netting one in each half, the first from a penalty. Although their chances were then revived when Colo Colo lost to relegation threatened O'Higgins, the champions clinched it with a 3-1 win on the last day over Palestino, another team in trouble.

Teams which finished from second to fifth will now, as usual, play off for entry into the Libertadores Cup with Colo Colo. The four candidates were Cobreloa — who won the play-offs — Universidad de Chile, Union Espanola and Naval. The bottom four are relegated automatically — Nublense, San Luis, Everton and Concepcion (all from the provinces) — while the two above them (Iquique and Palestino) will play off with two teams from the second division (3rd and 4th) with two staying up.

The Chilean F.A. had also previously decided that the Santiago team with fewest points over the last three seasons — in this case Palestino — must be relegated or join up with another club to stay up. This is an economic measure designed to reduce the number of clubs in the capital and improve gates for the remaining ones.

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Rudi Gutendorf's 'expert' views on South America

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Diego Maradona and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge will be the stars of the World Cup in Spain... West Germany isn't as strong as everyone seems to think... and Carlos Caszely can do big things for Chile providing he gets his usual ration of sex.



Carlos Caszely capable of an easy victory over Chile.

These are some of the thoughts of Rudi Gutendorf, former coach of the Socceroos and now coach of Cameroon, one of the 24 finalists.

Gutendorf, writing in the West German magazine "Sport", set himself up as an expert on South American soccer, by virtue of his coaching experience in Chile and Peru.

He was national coach for Chile for two and a half years before the 1974 World Cup finals and explains that his overthrow coincided with that of his friend, Chilean president Salvador Allende.

"I am not convinced," he says, "that Jupp Derwall's German team is

"South American conditions exist in Spain," he points out. "The climate and the surroundings will suit the South Americans."

"Also, the Chileans have the best coaching school in South America my old school! And they are incredibly well-disciplined."

"Derwall must watch them closely and I hope he learns something. Elias Figueroa, for example. He's all class!"

"And Carlos Caszely, who I included in the Chilean team as a 17-year-old. You remember Caszely — he was sent off the field against West Germany during the 1974 World Cup after kicking Berti Vogts.

"I remember Caszely particularly. He was a very wild boy. Because of the threat of La Dolce Vita, I put all the boys into a training camp before one of the international matches."

"Caszely however, would not let up. 'Coach, I need \$20 for a girl,' he told me. Did I tell him off! But then the team captain came to see me and succeeded in changing my mind."

"So Caszely got his \$20 for a girl."

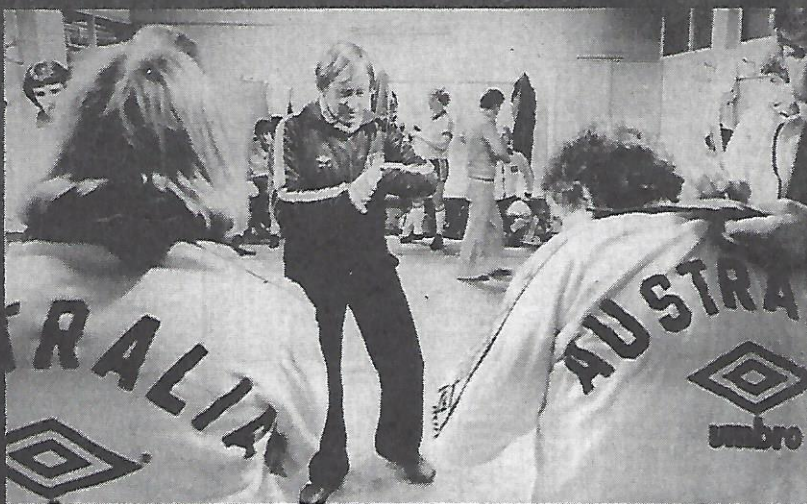
"The next day we won 2-1 — both goals were scored by Caszely."

"Real men! So too are the Brazilians and Argentinians."

"The Argentinians are also tough guys — hard as leather."

"During one game, in which we led 3-0, they handed out uppercuts galore. Could they brawl! 'Los Machos,' that's what they call them over there. It means 'men with balls.'"

"And they can sure play. Menotti makes sure of that. He's a Superman, and he again has a fantastic squad. His guarantee for success are the ex-



Rudi Gutendorf checks his watch before one of the Socceroo's matches last year.

perienced older players. Then there's Maradona — absolute world class. He and Rummenigge of Germany will be the top stars of the World Cup."

Then Gutendorf turns his attention to the Brazilians.

"Their strength is their playing system. Instead of using a sweeper, they dare to rely simply on a four-man wall which manages to confront each opposing forward with two men. And it also means that they have one extra man in attack. Remember how helpless Germany looked against Brazil in the mini-World Cup? A top team

never should capitulate so easily."

"But then the German national team is like Hamburger SV — super in attack, but look out if the play goes the other way!"

"Defending correctly is an art. The best defensive system is the one I used as MSV. No Derwall, no Schoen, no Herberger had thought about such a system. That's why they dubbed me 'Riegel-Rudi.'" (The word 'Riegel' refers to defence).

Gutendorf concludes by saying he does not think very highly of the West German team. "We are not stronger

than, for example, Argentina," he says.

"Argentina, together with Brazil, are my favorites for the World Cup."

"Of course, I expect



Jupp Derwall

that Germany will reach the last four — for if they don't, it will be scandalous. If you have the strongest league in the world, you simply have to reach the top four. The failure of 1978 must not repeat itself."

"But remember my warning about Chile. They are certainly stronger than Austria and they will reach the last eight. Even more is expected of Peru by their fans. If they don't reach the semi-finals, they will be abused on the streets back home."

"And for Argentina and Brazil, the finals would be their minimum achievement."

Starving urchin now Zico the invincible

By PAUL MOON

A year ago it appeared that the 1982 World Cup inevitably would provide an appropriate stage for Diego Maradona to confirm his status as the world's number one player.

During the past 12 months however Brazil's Zico has emerged, at 29 years of age and after countless setbacks, as a legitimate contender for the title following a series of exhilarating performances for both his country and Flamengo, the current inter-Continental club champion.

Born Artur Antunes Coimbra in the Quintini Bocaiuva district of Rio, he was reared in a football obsessed environment, his father having been a goalkeeper with the popular Vasco da Gama club, while two of his four brothers also played soccer at professional level.

It was his elder sister however who first gave him the nickname Zico, which has survived from the evenings when she searched local backstreets and beaches for the urchin, one among thousands pursuing rag balls in dozens of disorderly games, which are a permanent feature of the Brazilian urban landscape.

In common with virtually all South America's footballing greats, Zico grew up in poverty and presented a heart-rending picture when, at 15 years of age, he attended a trial with Flamengo.

It was obvious that the youngster was blessed with remarkable skills, yet was far too feeble to withstand the challenges of professional football.

Flamengo decided to take a gamble. Zico was put on a body-building programme. Vitamin pills were pumped into him, weight training became a daily ritual and, for the first time, meat was introduced to his diet.

The treatment worked wonders and, although not a Charles Atlas look-alike, he was able to withstand the attentions of the most rugged defenders in Rio's youth leagues.

And attention he was soon getting in abundance, for his first 20 games produced 27 goals.

At 18 years of age, Zico was elevated to the first team, only to flop badly, simply not yet being ready for the higher grade.

Another season in the youth side, which brought 20 goals from 22 games, not only restored confidence, but gave him game an extra dimension in experience and sophistication.

Brazil selected him for its Olympic combination and a scintillating performance against Colombia convinced everybody watching that a new star was in the making.

Restored to Flamengo's first team, Zico quickly adapted to the senior level this second time around and spearheaded its Rio League success of 1974, a feat it was to repeat during the two following seasons.

The Brazilian press proclaimed him as the "New Pele". Outsiders were sceptical, as the Rio newspapers discover new Peles with the regularity that Sydney cricket journalists found new Bradmans in the late 1950's.

Despite much lobbying on his behalf, the Flamengo star was omitted from Brazil's 1974 World Cup squad and did not don the yellow and blue until two years later and celebrated by hitting the winner against Uruguay.

The following season he claimed four against Bolivia and on the domestic scene became the first player to score six at the Maracana Stadium.

By this time Brazilian soccer fans were convinced that Zico would power their team to a successful assault on the World Cup in Argentina. Unfortunately the burden placed upon him was too heavy.

The opening match against Sweden ended in turmoil when it was realised that Welsh referee Clive Thomas had disallowed Zico's headed "winner", as the ball crossed the goal line a fraction of a second after the final whistle had sounded.



Zico

Diego Maradona

That incident epitomised a wretched campaign. Totally unable to produce his best form, he wandered ineffectively in and out of games until a rugged Polish tackle ended his involvement in that Mundial.

At least the injury gave him a three-month respite from the perpetual whirlpool of Brazilian soccer. Out of the limelight he was able to recharge both his physical and mental batteries.

Confidence and appetite for the game now restored, and the World Cup nightmare behind him, Zico was back to his prolific scoring best.

It wasn't until last year though that Europe saw the real Zico. It was he who masterminded Brazil's clean sweep of England, West Germany and France, scoring his 500th senior goal in Paris.

The Brazilians were immediately installed as World Cup favorites.

Flamengo was prospering too. The Rio League, Brazilian Championship, Libertadores Cup and Inter-Continental Cup are all installed in the clubs trophy room.

Against Chile's Cobreloa in the Libertadores Cup final, Zico scored all his team's four goals, while it was he who created the three which sank Liverpool in Tokyo.

Inevitably, Zico has been a prime target for Europe's wealthier clubs. In recent years Real Madrid, Internazionale Milan, Barcelona and Juventus all have been linked with him, but it was AC Milan which came nearest to acquiring his signature.

Zico, who has an Italian grandfather, appeared set to join newly-promoted Milan in April of last year, only for Flamengo president Antionio Abranches to produce a financial packet which even the Milanese could not match.

Zico's contract is a complex document, his earnings are made up of a base figure plus the proceeds of an annual benefit match, money from commercial endorsements, a percentage of gate takings and bonuses.

A conservative estimate of his salary is \$350,000 a year. Little wonder then, that he stayed in Rio and Milan had to be content with the consolation prize (or booty prize?) of Joe Jordan as its foreign acquisition.

Displaying the rare combination of supreme ball control and a livewire footballing brain, Zico can dictate a match, irrespective of the company he is in.

With Roma's Roberto Falcao now likely to be available for Brazil as a conventional midfielder, Zico probably will adopt an attacking role in Spain.

An exponent of the swerving free kick from outside the box, he is a clinical finisher inside it.

Only once have Zico and Maradona come face to face. Flamengo — and Zico, won that encounter 2-0, although the Argentinian was still nursing an injury.

When they meet again the destination of the World Cup may well be determined by the outcome.

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| St Mirren | 22 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 27 |
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| Morton | 22 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 20 |
| Airdrie | 22 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 26 | 8 | 7 | 23 | 18 |
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| Partick | 22 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 14 | 8 | 11 | 24 |

LETTERS TO

SIR — Did you see the advert in 'Soccer Action' last week for players in the Provisional League for Baxter Club?

At the same time as this was being given to 'Soccer Action', the faceless men of the VSF were relegating Baxter from the 4th Division of Provisional 2nd of Amateur League.

Baxter, although having a couple of lean seasons results-wise, have excellent facilities, a strong junior club and had been called to a meeting of the District group, re-nominated then, with the re-organisation of leagues, accepted in writing, to the 4th Division of Provisional, and preparations were made for the first game on March 20.

Then, without the decency of

asking the club to reappear, just a telegram saying you are in the Amateur League.

It would appear Uni of Melbourne had been re-admitted and Baxter was the scapegoat. Had the budding lawyers at the Uni found a loophole in the VSF rules as the VSF had eaten humble pie?

How was the decision reached without any business ethics?

Think what the VSF could do if it woke up to the 80's, made Soccer House a museum and moved into computers and technology. The mind boggles!

Meanwhile, to the budding new clubs and all people like myself who like soccer, enjoy gentleman club like Baxter.

| SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2 | | | | | | | | | |
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Chinks show in H'berg armor

The team that died!

That is what happened to Heidelberg-Alexander in its recent game with St George which I watched in Sydney.

The way the whole Heidelberg team folded in the second half following two quick goals from Saints must be very worrying to coach Len McKendry.

A 1-2 loss away from home to Saints is no disaster, but for a team to show as little fight as Heidelberg really forces one to wonder if it has what it takes to take out a championship.

Trying to explain the reason for the total ineffectiveness of Heidelberg in the second half I wondered if it had something to do with its style of play.

The Heidelberg game is based on cold, composed build-ups, which, while it is dictating terms, looks very good.

However, when the opposition begins to dominate, as St

George did in the second half, the lack of individual inventiveness and basic fighting spirit became apparent at least that was the case against Saints.

The playing pattern of "knock the ball forward, knock it back, then support the subsequent through ball from behind also looks swell while the team is on song.

Indeed, Heidelberg's only goal came from such a movement.

Yet this style of play after a while becomes almost as predictable as the typical long-ball English style for which coach Len McKendry has little time.

Strikers Jamie Paton and Gary Cole work well as a pair and Cole in particular worked hard to win space for himself.

Yet here again the pitter becomes predictable after a while.

The flair and improvisation of Des Martin and Mark Barton for Saints gave so much more variation to St George in the second half as it were down the sterile Heidelberg outfit.

It was impressed with Jim Rooney.

Slimmer and more mobile than in recent seasons he was a continual threat from his wide midfield position, where I previously had considered him too slow to be effective.

It is possible that he had been able to stay on the field, instead of coming off midway through the second half with a muscle strain, he could have rallied his fading team-mates.

I also liked, with reservations, the new centre back, Don McLeod, who, while frail in physique for a centre back, gives the impression of strength because of the competitive way he challenges for the ball.

However, under pressure, there was a frailty about the centre of the Heidelberg back four which does not auger well for its title prospects.

Sweeper John Yzendorff would be much more effective if he were able to dominate things more from the centre of the defence.

His opposite number, David Ratcliffe of Saints, is taller, heads better and passes better than Yzendorff.

However, he is not as good on the ground, one against one.

Indeed his lack of ability there cost Saints the first goal.

St George, with its sound and stable administration, excellent facilities, good playing staff and inventive coach, Frank Arok, looks all ready to be a big top prospect, with title aspirations not out of the question.

While Heidelberg also has excellent players and a good coach, the upheaval in training facilities and a less sound administration along with its easily-read style of play may all act against it as the season progresses.

If all of the players, on the other hand, give as much as Gary Cole did for one hour and Jim Rooney did while he was on the park, he may yet realise its title aspirations.

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Soviets beat Greece 2-0

THE SOVIET UNION, one of stronger contenders for the World Cup in Spain this year, continued its impressive build-up for the finals with a 2-0 victory over Greece in Athens.

Even without injured mid-field general Vladimir Besounov, the Soviet Union dominated the match and would have won handsomely but for superb goalkeeping - and the woodwork.

Star striker Oleg Blokhin, the 1975 European Footballer of the Year, almost shattered the crossbar with an explosive drive in the 72nd minute. Seconds later he was again denied when Greek goalkeeper Nikos Sarganis pulled off an astonishing save to turn away Blokhin's shot from point-blank range.

However, Blokhin did have the consolation of setting-up both goals for Fedor Cerenkov, in the 39th minute, and Leonid Buryak, 11 minutes later.

Greece spent most of the match pinned down in its own half and on two occasions it threatened, Soviet goalkeeper Renat Dasayev pulled off fine saves from George Koudas and Yannis Valaoras.

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SOCCER ACTION

CLUB CLOSE-UP

WOLLONGONG



BACK ROW: Clive Campbell (from Mt. Wellington NZ, 1981), Larry Gaffney (Brisbane City, 1982), Natch Vardareff (Wollongong United, 1981), Geoff Alnoworth (Liverpool, England, 1981), Arno Bertogna (Newcastle KB, 1981), Lee Adam (Kiev, WA, 1981), Roy Cotton (St. George, 1982).

FRONT ROW: Glen Fontana (Wollongong United, 1981), John Fleming (Port Vale, England, 1981), Phil O'Connor (APIA, 1982), Chris Dunleavy (Hullfax, England, 1981), Peter Willis (Rapid Wreath Point, 1981).

Wollongong City, backed by Westfield and the Wollongong League Club, was formed last

year to give the Illawarra region in NSW representation in the PSL. The groundwork in the club's administration was done by Laurie Kelly (speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly), Greg Best, Alan Hoy, John Elliot, Neville Arrowood and Richard Drake. Englishman Ken Morton was hired as player-coach during the first season and almost unbelievably the team, built on a budget of only \$70,000, was sitting on top of the PSL ladder in the early rounds. To help consolidate "The Wolves" in the PSL, Roy Cotton crossed from St. George this year for \$8,000, Phil O'Connor was signed from APIA for \$14,000 and Larry Gaffney was bought for \$9,000 from Brisbane City.

Northern Ireland goalkeeper Pat Jennings

MUNRO PREDICTS SUNSHINE WIN

Sunshine has won the inaugural Buffalo Cup if you take the comments of Albion Rovers coach Frank Munro seriously.

Sunshine heads the Buffalo Cup table by a point from Jim Adam's Hellen-Hakoh outfit and needs to beat Albion on Sunday to make sure of winning first prize in the Buffalo Cup.

"We're going to try to beat them but the way we played last Sunday against Polonia means we've got no hope," said Munro.

Everything went wrong against Polonia, especially in midfield. I didn't have one single player on the day who played at anything near top form.

So how does the former Scottish international plan to combat the high flying Shiners on Sunday?

"I'm thinking of using 13 players instead of 11," he quipped.

Seriously though, the derby atmosphere of the Sunshine-Albion game may bring the best out of the Shillers.

Still, it's hard to see the Shillers going down. Striker Norrie Pate has hit the goal trail with a vengeance.

This weekend's Buffalo Cup, final round, will likely witness a clash in capitals: Polonia v HELLAS-HAKOAH at Raleigh Reserve, Saturday, 2.45pm.

Northcote v FRANKSTON at John Cain Reserve, Saturday, 2.45pm.

SUNSHINE v Albion Rovers at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 2.45pm.

RINGWOOD v WILHELMINA v George Cross at Jubilee Park, Sunday, 2.45pm.

BUFFALO CUP STANDINGS

| W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Sunshine | 5 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 9 |
| Hellas-Hakoh | 5 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| Frankston | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| Albion Rovers | 3 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 6 |
| Polonia | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 5 |
| Wilhelmina | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| George Cross | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Northcote | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 |

Flanked by talented Chris Taylor, the Shillers' strike force should put Albion's defence under the hammer. Bobby Nisbet under the hammer.

The important feature of the last Buffalo Cup round is Hellen-Hakoh's Sunshine's only rival for cup honors, play is on Saturday so the Shillers will be well aware of the task confronting them the following day.

Hellas-Hakoh, boosted by the elusive Duncan Cummings and the strength and shooting power of young Tom Patsakos, should account for Polonia at Raleigh Reserve on Saturday.

However, with Alex Marshall back in the Polonia line-up Hellen-Hakoh won't have everything its own way.

It's likely that veteran Stan Klein will mark Cummings while Andy Chapnik may find himself pitted against Patsakos through the absence of injured Marian Jaworski.

The visitors should get some though, and put pressure on Sunshine to perform at its peak the following day.

Last weekend's Buffalo Cup results:

Polonia 4 (Kryzinski 2, Wallace, Praszkytyl) Albion Rovers 1 (Smart); Frankston 2 (Golby, Buchanan) Wilhelmina 1 (Tutill o.s.); George Cross 0 Sunbury 4 (H. Taylor, pen, Pate, George Cross o.s.); Hellen-Hakoh 8 (Cummings 2, Patsakos, Douches, Kalenowski, Webster) Northcote 1 (Testos).

Lawler spurs Hillmen

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Box Hill made heavy weather of this first round Metro League Cup match against Richmond on Saturday.

In a lack lustre first half, both sides had problems in controlling the ball on a difficult surface, and neither keeper was called upon to do anything out of the ordinary to keep their goal intact.

The second half began in much the same fashion, but sprang into life after Richmond's lively front runner, Daryl Beer, out-thought the Hillmen's defence to nod a simple goal into an empty net.

This setback galvanised the home side into action, and Mike Valentine, Ray Tolmie, Ian Roodhouse and Donovan Lawler, all had chances to equalise but were unable to beat the power or direction to beat Kiss, the Richmond custodian.

However, the Hillmen were not to be denied, and finally equalised in the 65th minute when a long throw from Valentine on the left, found Scott Patterson's head on the near post. The barely discernable deflection was enough to deceive the Richmond defence and Lawler racing in on the blind side rammed it into the roof of the net with his head from five yards.

Two minutes later a through ball from Greg McLeod found Valentine on the edge of the area. His shot beat Kiss but

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Constantinidi (C. Hironaka 45th), C. Tsakiris, C. Partoglou, G. Mitrousis, T. Kehagias, A. Testinis.

BEST PLAYERS: Hawkburn: Andrew Kiss, Joe Szabo, Ferenc Palinkas, Clarinda: A. Testinis, P. Kehagis, T. Kehagis.

As we went to press, not all results in last weekend's Metro League Cup first round were available. Those available were:

Green Gully 0 Altona Gate 3; Slavia 2 Moreland 5; Box Hill 2 Richmond 1; Greenborough 0 Wertheim 3; St Albans Olympic 3 Thomastown 2; Ringwood United 4 Corio 1 (on penalties); Monash University 2 Eltham 1; Royal Richmond 5 Fawkner 4; Essendon City 0 Hamlyn Rangers 1; Prahran City 1 Altona City 3; Springvale 0 South Oakleigh 2; North Geelong 1 Knox City 2; Sunbury 4 Heidelberg-Bundoora 2; Brighton 0 Sandringham 2.

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Mitten-Crino?

Juventus has entered the race to sign Melbourne Croatia striker Noel Mitten.

The former Eire youth international has been training with Green Gully Ajax for a fortnight and met to discuss terms with the Ajax committee last night (Tuesday).

However, Juventus coach Tony Boggi is also keen on Mitten.

It is rumoured that should Mitten join Juventus he may be involved in a swap for Oscar Crino, the star sweeper in Australia's World Youth Cup campaign last year.

Ajax and Croatia met last Sunday at Green Gully Reserve in the second leg of their friendly challenge.

Ajax won 4-3 with goals from top flight English recruit David Smallman, Peter Lewis, Gus Macleod and Paul Lewis.

Danko Kuna, David Brogan and Ned Batinioc were on target for Croatia.

Ajax's best were Peter Lewis, Jim Williams and Willie Vassallo while for Croatia, Keith Adams, Jeff Faulkner and Sean Parton played well.

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Από την περασμένη εβδομάδα το πόστο του γενικού αρχηγού στον Ήρακλή το πήρε ο Αλέμπος Καραβιτίσης ο οποίος και σαν γενικός αρχηγός κάποτε στην Έλλάς Μελοβούρνης είχε πάρει άριστα.

Ός γνωστόν το πόστο αυτό το είχε ο κ.Ν. Τσικνής ο οποίος παραιτήθηκε διότι πριν ακόμη η σελίτζη αρχίσει άξιωσε κάτι από τον κυανόλευκο σύλλογο που σωστά κρίθηκε απαραίτητο.

ΞΙΑΝΕΡΧΕΣΤΑΙ Ο ΡΟΤΣΕΡΣ

Συμφωνία με τον γενικό αρχηγό της Έλλάς Μελοβούρνης κ.Λεωνίδα Άνεζακη, ο Μπιλ Ρότσερς ο δυναμικός κυανόλευκος μέσος θα φορέσει πολύ σύντομα την φανέλλα του συλλόγου.

Ο Ρότσερς τελείωσε την θεραπεία που έκανε στο πόδι του και θα είναι στην διάθεση του τεχνικού κ.Μαργαρίτη.

Είναι δε απαραίτητος τώρα που δεν φαίνεται να επιστρέψει στην Έλλάς ο Χριστόπουλος και παράλληλα έφυγε και ο Τέρνερ για την πατρίδα του διακόποντας το συμβόλαιό του με την κυανόλευκη ομάδα.

ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΧΑΚΟΑ ΜΕΛΟΒΟΥΡΝΗΣ

Ευτατικά εγράφονται οι άνθρωποι του Δ. Συμβουλίου της ομάδας του Σταίτη Λήκη ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΧΑΚΟΑ.

Τόσο με τον πρόεδρο κ.Τζήμη Διαμαντήρη με τον όποιο μιλήσαμε,όσο και με τον γενικό αρχηγό κ.Πήτερ Ντοβρίο,καταλάβαμε πως το στρατόπεδο της ΕΛΛΑΣ-ΧΑΚΟΑ είναι αποφασισμένο να δειχτεί τα δόντια του και να κερδίσει τον τίτλο της πρωταθλητρίας του Σταίτη Λήκη για το 1982.

Νομίζουμε δε ότι οι φίλαθλοι της Έλλάς όταν δεν αγωνίζεται η ομάδα του Φίλιπς Λήκη στην Μελοβούρη,θα πρέπει να δίδουν έντονο το παρόν σε αυτόν του Σταίτη Λήκη

ΝΑΙ Ο ΜΕΓΑΣ ΝΑ ΠΑΙΖΕΙ ΣΤΟ ΔΙΚΟ ΤΟΥ ΓΗΠΕΔΟ

Την περασμένη Πέμπτη σε ειδικό γεύμα που παρέθεσε το Δ.Συμβούλιο του Μέγα με επί κεφαλής τον φιλότιμο πρόεδρο κ.Σάμ Γκουλόπουλο στοθε έλληνας δημοσιογράφους,μαζί με άλλα θέματα που άφορούν τον σύλλογο, συζητήθηκε και το "καυτό" θέμα του γηπέδου και παράλληλα αναφέρθηκε και το όνομα που πρόβλεπε να αντιπροσέδρου κ.Γουίλλιαμς ο οποίος ως γνωστόν ήταν αντίθετος με τα όσα έθελε να πράξει ο επίσημος Άλξας υβρός.

Έπειδή δε ο κ.Γουίλλιαμς είχε στείλει επιστολές προς τον Τύπο στις οποίες έγραφε ποιά ήταν η γνώμη του και έπειδή ο Άλξας υβρός δεν αγνόησε,γιατί όπως δήλωσε ο κ.Γκουλόπουλος δεν άξιζε τον κόπο έγραψε και η ερώτηση από δύο αθλητικογράφους αν θα έπρεπε να δοθεί επίσημη απάντηση στο θέμα αυτό.

Σχετικά μίλησαν από τον Μέγα ο κ.Γκουλόπουλος,ο κ.Καραβιτίσης και ο τεχνικός του συλλόγου κ.Λέν Μακέντρυ οι οποίοι ανέφεραν πολλές λεπτομέρειες για τα έργα που γηπέδου και την επιδίωξη όπως τα ταχύτερο η ομάδα τους παίζει στο δικό της στίβι.

Συγκεκριμένα ο κ.Μακέντρυ το έκρινε απαραίτητο για την πρόοδο του συλλόγου. Νομίζουμε δε ότι αφού μπήκε το πρόγραμμα από τους ανθρώπους του Μέγα για να αποκτήσουν το δικό τους γήπεδο,θα πρέπει οι φίλαθλοι να σταθούν κοντά στους ανθρώπους αυτούς και να βοηθήσουν με όλες τις δυνάμεις τους.

Ένας είναι πλέον ο σκοπός στον Άλξας υβρός: - ΝΑ ΠΑΙΞΕΙ ΣΤΟ ΔΙΚΟ ΤΟΥ ΓΗΠΕΔΟ. -ΝΑ ΣΤΑΘΟΥΝ ΟΛΟΙ ΚΟΝΤΑ ΣΤΟΝ ΜΕΓΑ. -ΝΑ ΣΤΑΜΑΤΗΣΕΙ Η ΟΜΑΔΑ ΝΑ ΑΓΩΝΙΖΕΤΑΙ ΣΤΟ ΟΛΥΜΠΙΚ ΓΗΡΚ ΜΟΥ ΔΕΝ ΞΗΝ ΣΥΜΦΕΡΕΙ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΑ. Στο κάτω - κάτω τα γήπεδα της ΗΡΕ ΣΤΟΝ και της ΤΑΣΕΤ τί καλύτερο έχουν από αυτό που θα παίζει προς το παρόν ο Άλξας υβρός;

ΤΟ ΘΕΡΙΝΟ ΚΑΠ ΤΟΥ ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ

Πριν αναφερθούμε στις συναντήσεις των ημιτελικών αγώνων του θερινού τουρνουά στο Μορντιάλλοκ θα θέλαμε να συγχαρούμε το Δ.Συμβούλιο του συλλόγου που κουράστηκε τόσο πολύ για να φθάσει στην ημέρα του τελικού που θα γίνει στις 21 Μαρτίου 1982 περί ώρα 4.00 μ.μ. όπου κατά την διάρκεια της ημέρας θα γίνει και ένα πρωτοφανές πανηγύρι με φητά άρνιά και με μουσική ντίσκο.

Πράγματι οι διοργανωτές στο θερινό τουρνουά του Μορντιάλλοκ προσπάθησαν να παρουσιάσουν κάτι το καλό και πάνω απ'όλα μέσα σε αθλητικά πλαίσια και τελικά το κατάφεραν.

Έπισης όσοι διαιτητές χρησιμοποιήθηκαν έως τώρα πήραν άριστα και προπάντων ο κ.Στήβ Τσοσόνης που σχεδόν ήταν κάθε Κυριακή στους αγώνες.

Όσοιδήποτε θα υπάρχουν πάντα και αυτοί που πιστεύουν ότι η σφαιρική τους άδίκη σε άλλα δεν νομίζουμε πως και να έγινε κάποιο λάθος να ήταν με πρόθεση.

Στον πρώτο ημιτελικό αγώνα της περασμένης Κυριακής το Μορντιάλλοκ με δύο γκολ του Μιχαλόπουλου κέρδισε την δυναμική ΞΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ 2-1 και την απέλεισε.

Το μοναδικό τέρμα των ήττημένων πέτυχε ο Κολάκης.

Η ΔΟΞΑ ΣΤΟΝ ΤΡΑΙΤΟ

Η Δόξα Γιάροβαλνικ παρά του ότι από το 50 της συνάντησης έπαιζε με 9 παίκτες λόγω αποβολής των Πετρόβιτς και Τ.Αμανατίδη,κατόρθωσε να κρατήσει σταθερή έμυνα και σε μια από τις επιθέσεις της 72' να σημειώσει το γκολ της νίκης με τον Κότα μετά από πάσα του Τσεζίκι.

Κανένας από την θεμάσια ομάδα της Δόξας δεν ύστερησε και οι παίκτες της χειροκροτήθηκαν για το πείσμα που διέθεταν και την αυτοχή τους. Έτσι δίκαια πήραν το εισιτήριο για το τελικό.

Ο ΤΡΑΙΤΟΡ ΤΟΥ ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ

Την Κυριακή στο γήπεδο του Μορντιάλλοκ θα γίνει ο τελικός του θερινού τουρνουά με αντιπάλους την Δόξα Γιάροβαλνικ και το Μορντιάλλοκ. Η συνάντηση θα αρχίσει στις 4.00 μ.μ. και θα προηγηθεί ο αγώνας για την 3η θέση μεταξύ των ομάδων του Λεωνίδα και της ΞΗ Ποντίων (2.ΙΟ)

ΝΙΚΗΣΕ Η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ

Για το Μετροπόλιταν Κάπ η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ έκτος έδρας νίκησε το Ήλνλνγκ με 3-0 και με τέμματα που πέτυχαν οι Πήτερσον,Γκένσιος, Σταυρίδης. Η ομάδα του Πόρτ Μέλμπορν απέδωσε πάρα πολύ καλά.

ΩΚΛΗ - ΣΠΡΙΝΚΒΑΙΝΑ 2 - 0

Μετά από καλή εμφάνιση το Ήλνλνκ απέλεισε το Σπρινκβαίλν με 2-0 και με γκολ που σημείωσαν οι Τζιτζής και Παπατάσης.

ΒΑΡΕΙΑ ΗΤΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΛΟΚ

Για το Μετροπόλιταν Κάπ το Μορντιάλλοκ έχασε από το Θράνκστον Χάινς με 8-1.

Στο Α'μέρος το σκόρ ήταν 2-0 υπέρ των φιλοξενουμένων και στην συνέχεια το Μορντιάλλοκ προσπάθησε πέτυχε ένα τέρμα αλλά ο πέτυχε πρό άνωτέρω αντιπάλου.

Διατηρήτης ήταν ο κ. Κτένις Βουτσινάς που βαθμολογήθηκε με 10 από νικητές και ήττημένους.

ΘΡΙΑΝΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΔΟΞΑΣ

Με 4-0 η Δόξα Γιάροβαλνικ στο γήπεδό της νίκησε τον Πέλοτα που αγωνίστηκε σιλότιμα και αθλητικά.

Τά γκολ πέτυχαν οι Τ.Παπαχριστοδούλου 2, Μελέτης Πίνος και Πετρόβιτς. Ο αγώνας ήταν για το Προβίχιοναλ Κάπ και τον διαιτητεύσε με απόλυτη επιτυχία ο κ. Άνδρέας Θράγιου.



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